

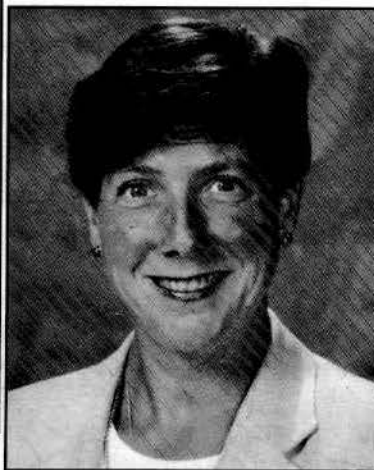


Cadets will march on the Parade Ground. Fellows from our last class will be honored. A US Naval Academy historian will talk to us about AMA's legacy. Golfers, tennis players and clay shooters will play, mostly for fun. The Silent Auction will offer great opportunities to get something you want while helping AMA. A former cadet will lead Founders Day ceremonies. Scholarships will be awarded and AMA Alumni Medals presented.

It's Reunion 2004 with the theme: *It's About Time!* It's about time we all got together again for a wonderful week-end in the Great Valley of the Shenandoah. It's about time we give something tangible to cadets from the Class of '84 who didn't get to graduate. It's about time we moved the reunion back to the last week in April to avoid all the commencement exercises with which we have had to compete in the past.



Joe McCue, '66
Founders Day



Dr. Mary DeCredico
AMA's legacy



Colonel William Seder
Honoring Class of '84

If you haven't been to a reunion lately, it's about time you came to this one! Your old friends will be here as will friends you have yet to meet. Read all about the reunion inside and send in the blue registration form in the enclosed envelope. See you 22-23-24 April! Reunion details begin on page 13.

Virtual museum tour planned

You'll soon be able to tour our museum on your computer screen! B. J. d'Orsay, '70, tells you all about it on page 22.

AMA Paver Sale is on

Order an AMA Paver to honor someone you respect or love **NOW** to have the brick installed at the AMA Alumni House/Museum before the reunion! Two sizes available, and all proceeds go to the AMA Alumni Foundation. What would you like to say to someone, or how would you like to remember them? Details on pages 26-27.

Memoir of a museum volunteer

A week in Fort Defiance starts on page 47

The great fire raid on Tokyo

"Smiley" Collingwood, '43, tells his story starting on page 31

The Big Boy remembered

More from John Morris, '49 starts on page 29

**Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.**

February 2004

Dear AMA friends,

Reunion 2004 is approaching fast. Remember, the dates are *April 22-25, a week earlier than usual*. Take time today to send in your registration form and make hotel reservations....it'll be here in the blink of an eye. You'll see additional pavers as well as a beautiful new display of flags in front of the Museum this year. You'll also see new exhibits as well as the display in honor of our WWII vets inside the beautiful refurbished circa 1870's Roller home site.

The tour this year takes us to Walton's Mountain and to a Virginia Winery on Friday. The golf, tennis and clay shoot events are scheduled as usual and the Silent Auction will boast unique items whose proceeds will go to support the Museum. Expect previous scholarship recipients to return and give us an update on their academic achievements since receiving our help, and the AMA Alumni Medals will be presented on Friday night to those who go above the norm for the Alumni Association. Saturday's lunch guest speaker is sure to keep the AMA spirit alive: Dr. Mary DeCredico is Chair of the History Department at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis.

In a long awaited ceremony, similar to those seen on the last day of the AMA school year, you'll witness the "would be class of 1984" receiving certificates stating that they would have graduated from AMA had it not closed. We're hopeful for an acceptable attendance from this class and that this gesture helps bring closure to the dozen or so cadets who were mystified by this discouraging event.

For the first time since AMA closed its doors in 1984, the Parade Ground will host a drill team exhibition. The Gearing Rifles Drill Team from Massanutten Military Academy will march on Saturday afternoon after the noontime events in the gym. What an exciting time to have young men marching in formation on the AMA Parade Ground! Can they be as good as we were?

Did you ever ask yourself, "*Why is it that our reunions are so well attended and our Alumni Association so active, when the school has been closed for so long???*" We're of the impression that other Virginia Military Schools (open or closed) don't enjoy the success we've experienced. So, it can only be because of you and the AMA Lifestyle we experienced.

If you're returning to the AMA grounds for the first time, or it's been a while since you've passed through the Front Gate, or you're a frequent visitor to the AMA Reunions, you're sure to find friends and family who await your return. Stories will be told and retold, old friends will be reunited, and some tears of joy likely will be shed. Isn't it about time you got more involved?

God Bless you and your family, travel safely, and I look forward to seeing you on the last weekend in April.

Garry Granger

Garry Granger '71
President, AMA Alumni
Association, Inc.



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MUSEUM HOURS

Through March 31 - 10 AM - 4 PM
Saturday and Sunday
April 1-October 31 - 10 AM - 4 PM
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

**1932
(NONE)**

Sinclair Adam is a retired architect. He lives in West Chester, PA.

Dr. Arthur Glasser is a missiologist communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Jews. He and his wife, Alice, live in Seattle.

**HONOR CLASS 1934
(NONE)**

Bill Robinson lives in Vero Beach, FL. Until 2002, when he became 86, he piloted his own Lake Buccaneer amphibious four-seater plane.

Henry Watkins lives in Windsor, NC. He has retired as the Branch Manager of Monroe Calculator and Business Systems.

**1935
(JULIAN QUARLES)**

Herb Jacob has lived in Bonner Springs, KS since his retirement in 1984 from Hercules, Inc.

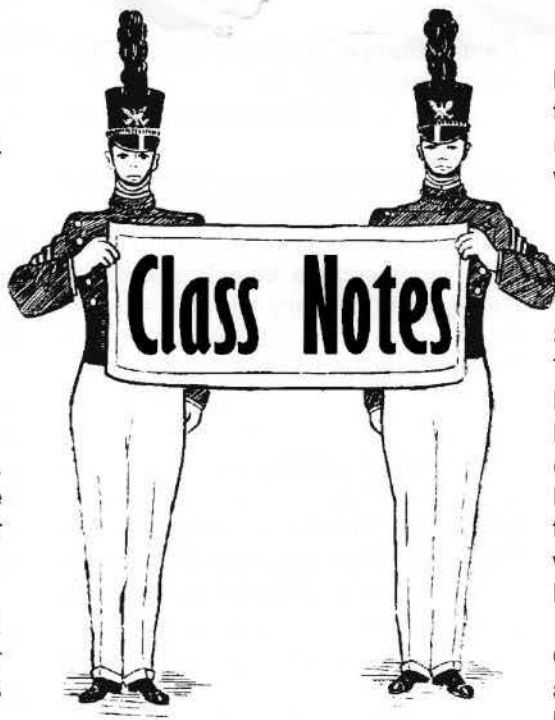
Julian Quarles is a very active AMA alumnus volunteering at the museum and helping in many other ways. After a career as an attorney in Miami, Julian has moved to Harrisonburg. He went to Dallas last August for a reunion of the 36th Division, his World War II unit, to Massachusetts to visit friends on Cape Cod, and spent a month in Florida over the Holidays.

[JMQJR@aol.com]

Colonel Will Parkins reports from Bridgewater that he and son, **Bill**, '70, are doing well and looking forward to Reunion 2004.

[ewillpark@adelphia.net]

Dick Wilson operated Wilson & Stokes in Trenton, NJ until the Wilson family closed the business in 1996 after 130 years. The company dealt in retail coal, lumber, fuel oil, masonry supplies, and acetylene supplies. He lives in Crystal Beach, FL in the winter and in Pisgah Forest, NC from May until October. Margaret, his wife of 60 years, is having shoulder surgery.



**1936
(TOM ROLLER)**

Dr. Joe Shomo lives in Aledo, TX where he practiced dentistry for many years. He served in Burma, Panama and Guatemala in World War II, and stayed on to retire as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Dental Corps.

Tom Roller, son of **Colonel Thomas J. Roller**, lives with his wife, Dina, in Placentia, CA. Tom is in the oil and gas business. Last year, he lent his World War II flying jacket to the AMA Museum, a major part of the World War II display there.

[taroller@earthlink.net]

**1937
(NONE)**

Charles Board is a retired patent lawyer. He lives in Wilmington, DE.

**1938
(LARRY KURTZ)**

Colonel Bob Reisacher lives in Santa Fe, NM after a long and distinguished military and civilian career as an engineer and architect. He attended Carnegie Institute of Technology, BA; the Princeton Graduate School, MFA; George Washington University, MS; and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, on a Fullbright Scholarship.

Major General Charles Ryder retired to San Antonio, TX in 1977. A graduate of West Point, General Ryder was the commanding general of the 199th Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning and in Vietnam. He was PMS&T at The Citadel earlier in his career and was Director J/4/7 EUCOM in Stuttgart, Germany when he retired. The General received the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with 16 oak leaf clusters, and the Purple Heart.

Captain Larry Kurtz, US Navy, retired, and Jill live in Punta Gorda, FL. He has served in the past as Chairman of Communications for the American Red Cross in Charlotte County, FL. Larry says that he is now "truly and finally retired!" [landjk@sunline.net]

**1939
(NONE)**

Dr. Melvin Alper spends the winters in Bermuda and summers in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Alper is a world renowned ophthalmologist and Chairman of the Washington Hospital Center Department of Ophthalmology. He founded the Washington Eye Physicians and Surgeons organization.

Jim McCausland and his wife, Sallie, live in Lynchburg where Jim was a real estate broker. A graduate of Washington and Lee, he had three years of active duty in the Navy in the Pacific in World War II.

**1940
(GEORGE HAW)**

Herb Richey is former President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. For many years, he owned Richey Coal Company which was sold ten years ago. He and Martha live in Hot Springs, Va, near The Homestead. At age 81, he is still on the Board of Fairchild and on several board committees including the Chairmanship of the Audit Committee.

1941 (NONE)

John Minor had a long career with Coca Cola, real estate and banking. He lives in Mount Vernon, OH with his second wife, Marie. He served in the 507th Parachute Infantry as a Captain in the Second World War. He was with Coca Cola from 1948 until 1974.

Clayton Rich did development and fund raising work for Emory University before his retirement. He lives in Atlanta.

1942 (RUTLAND BEARD)

Bill Stuart is the principal in Stuart and Maury Realtors in Silver Spring, MD. Bill has been a licensed realtor in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia for 56 years. He was DC Realtor of the Year in 1974. Pat and Bill have been married for 53 years.

1943 (EARL CABANISS and CHRIS HARRISON)

Judge B. A. Davis is a retired Judge of Virginia's 22nd Judicial Circuit. A graduate of Washington and Lee, he had service in World War II as an aerial gunner. He was Circuit Court Judge from 1973 until he retired in 1998. He lives in Rocky Mount, VA.

Colonel Fred Haden, USMC, serves as General Counsel of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. He lives in Oakton, VA.

Chris Harrison says he is now fully retired and has a great-granddaughter to be proud of. After service in WW II and the Korean War, he was discharged with the rank of major and was in the sign business for a number of years. He volunteered at Queen Anne's High School for the past few years.
[cristi@dmv.com]

Earl Cabaniss and Faye live in Pulaski in Southwest Virginia. He was Senior Vice President of Virginia National Bank, now Bank of America. In WWII, he was a noncom in the 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion in Patton's Third Army, seeing service in Normandy, The Ardennes, The Rhineland, and

Central Europe, winning a Bronze Star at the Battle of St. Lo.

[ECabaniss@webtv.net]

Jack Jansing serves on the boards of three New York Stock Exchange corporations. From 1959 through 1974, he was the Executive Vice President of Bache and Company. He had service as an officer in the US Navy 1943-46. The Jansings live in Hobe Sound, FL.
[jansing1123@aol.com]

Loy "Smiley" Collingwood is working on a book about his experiences in World War II and is quoted in the New York Times bestseller *Flyboys* by James Bradley who also wrote *Flags of Our Fathers*. (Story on page 31)
[lccollingwood@earthlink.net]

Leonard Wilson retired in 1988 from Sperry Univac. He and his wife, Mary Louise, live in Tappahannock, VA. He was in the 96th Division 1943-46.

HONOR CLASS 1944 (BILL MCOWEN)

Henry Dunbar has retired as President of Dunbar, Shade and Tomlin, Inc. in Richmond. A 1947 graduate of VMI, he was a lieutenant of infantry in the Korean War.

Adolph Null retired in 1991 as General Manager and Controller of Obaugh Ford. He lives in Staunton.

Bill McOwen, who lives in Cincinnati, owned and operated a computer software company for many years. Twice married, he has eight children and now lives in a senior retirement center. He is active in senior Olympics, and he has volunteered to be the agent for his class which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

Walter Holt was a stock broker in Raleigh, NC for many years and has now retired to Charlottesville.
[walter.holt@cbre.com]

1945 (NONE)

Dave Brewer is Senior Agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. He lives in Pawleys Island,

SC. Dave had some surgery for torn cartilage and his wife, Barbara had a hip replacement and a serious staph infection, but both are well now.

[dbrewer1@sc.rr.com]

Don Browne retired from PPG after 31 years. He also had 35 years as loan officer for a credit union. He and Carolyn live in Maryville, TN.

Ray "Shorty" Long lives in Peoria, AZ. He was in the wholesale distribution business from 1976-1990, doing business as Ray Long Ltd. Loving golf, he and Nancy moved to Arizona when he retired.

Jack Stanley worked for Blue Ridge Transfer for 44 years before retiring. He joined his father's company and worked his way up to being President and CEO. He and Susan live in Roanoke.

1946 (PAUL BRATTON)

Colonel Tom Cohoon went into the service directly out of AMA and five years later, thanks in part to the training he received at Augusta, he was Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Infantry, at Fort Myer, VA. He received a direct commission, spent ten years in Europe, 15 months in Korea, and was promoted to lieutenant colonel during the Vietnam War. After his discharge, he was a personnel director in the Shenandoah Valley for 20 years before retiring to his boyhood home in Suffolk.

[tom@tomcohoon.com]

Colonel Jim Pigg lives in Shalimar, FL with his wife, Nell. A West Pointer, he served in the Army 1953-82 with many assignments in Armor including the responsibility for an Armored Cavalry patrol on the German-Czech border. After retiring, he was president of a construction company for three years and managed a resort until his second retirement in 1993.

[jlpnsp@con.net]

Norman Freeman is a retired Exxon executive who took a medical retire-

ment in 1992. He remembers that he used to ride horseback with **Major Roller** at Sunday parades. He lives in Brownwood, TX.

[Normbillie@aol.com]

Dr. Ed Leventen is Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at UCLA. Semi-retired, Doctor Ed works part time evaluating workers comp injuries. He served as an Air Force medical officer 1954-64 and lives with his wife, Ruth, in Encino, CA. He and his family recently took a week-long tour of the Alaskan Inside Passage.

[isawbonz@aol.com]

George Snarr, a retired attorney, now lives in Virginia Beach. He and his wife, Margaret, have three children.

1947

(MIKE WELCH)

Dr. Tom Callahan is a psychiatrist in part time private practice in Fresno, CA. He received a BS from MIT before attending the University of Heidelberg where he was awarded a medical degree.

Colonel Sam Conley, a West Pointer, retired in 1985 with 30 years service. He lives in Sierra Vista, AZ.

[tconley1@mindspring.com]

Harry May is CEO of Printing and Graphics, Inc. and moved the business into his home this past fall. He and Jane live in Potomac Falls, VA.

[PGVA2@aol.com]

J. B. Simmons and Linda had a tough 2003. First, J.B. was diagnosed with prostate cancer and while he was recovering from his treatments, Linda was rushed to the hospital for gall bladder problems where a second surgery was required. Both are doing well now, thank goodness!

[JohnBSimmons@msn.com]



CARIBBEAN CRUISE - Bill Rand, '48, (second from right, standing) took his children, their spouses and his grandkids on a Caribbean cruise last year. Bill is President of Qualified Plan Services in Raleigh and is on the National Development Council of the University of North Carolina, his *alma mater*.



HOUSE VISITS - Above, Mr. and Mrs. Marvyn Raphaelson, '48, visit the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Below, Mr. and Mrs. James Weston, '50, in the Hall of Honor.



Ben Smith is in real estate investment. He lives in Arlington, VA.

1948

(BILL HARRIS)

Bill Aldrich is former President of WTA Enterprises, Inc. of Houston where he and Natalie live. He says, "Other than being scooter-bound, Natalie and I and our kids and grandkids are all doing well."

[wtaldrich@sbcglobal.net]

Clarke Cooper is a retired architect who lives in Alexandria with his wife, Shirley. He was a first lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and graduated from Carnegie Mellon University.

Allen Tomlin retired after 37 years with State Farm. He and Lucy were recent visitors to the AMA Museum. They live in Greensboro.

[allentomlin@aol.com]

Colonel Jim Chezem, US Army, Retd, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is undergoing treatment at home in Titusville, FL. "One of my best memories is the three years I had at AMA preparing me for college, the military and life... I wish all my '48 classmates the very best." Jim, you are in our thoughts and prayers. (Pictures of Jim as an AMA cadet and an army officer on page 20)

[jachez@earthlink.net]

Hal Walters lives in Brevard, NC where he is a financial consultant. A Naval Academy graduate, he had a number of financial positions over the intervening years.

[halwaltjr@citcom.net]

Paul Bratton and Ruby are very active volunteers at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. They live in Millboro, a 90 minute ride each way to Fort Defiance and Paul makes the round trip every Friday to cover the museum. Thanks to both of you!

Cooke Goffigon writes from Cape Charles, VA that he and his wife have a bed and breakfast there, near the Chesapeake Bay. Cooke worked for the State of Virginia for 33 years as an ABC inspector and flew their spotter aircraft in his early days with them. He has had both prostate and colon cancer and his wife has had breast cancer, but ten years later, they are both doing well.

1949

(FRANK SPENCER)

Lewie Barnes is CEO of Barnes and Company, a textiles company in Collinsville, VA.

Richard McLaughlin was an aerospace executive before taking over his mother's retail business on Long Island. A Staunton native, Richard moved back home a few years ago and is having an active social life. He serves on the Board of Visitors of Mary Baldwin College.

Frank Spencer is recovering after a heart attack in October. *"They put in a medicated stint and I am on the mend."* Frank is AMA's Chaplain. Stay well, Frank! [frank-cville@att.net]

Louis Philhower now works for UBS Financial Services in Macon, GA and is Senior Vice President of the Philhower Financial Group.

1950

(JIM LUPTON)

Bill Hill, former Executive Director of the International Downtown Executives Association, is living in Greenville, NC. He serves as a substitute trustee for his son's law firm, William F. Hill, PA, in Greenville.

[wrhill@cox.net]

Reverend Jim Lupton had quite a scare in the late summer. Following a mosquito bite, he contracted St. Louis Encephalitis, spent a week in the hospital, and returned home to Belhaven, NC where he required part time care for some time. He thankfully has recovered. In the meantime, he has resigned as AMA Chaplain because of his illness. Thanks for your good and faithful service, Jim. Your words of inspiration are appreciated.

Hoke wants 1954 classmates back for 50th anniversary

Ken Hoke, '54, the agent for his class, is working hard to get his '54 classmates back to Fort Defiance for the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Augusta.

"I have been able to locate Parker Ward's family including his wife, Mary, and four children, and some or all of them will be coming to the April reunion," says Hoke. Ward was the first President of the AMA Alumni Association and was killed in a plane crash with the Marshall University football team in 1970.

"It would be great to have a big turnout from our class to share stories among ourselves and with Parker's family," he says. Hoke urges his classmates to make early reservations at the Holiday Inn so that all the class can be together. [Phone, toll free, 1/800-932-9061]

"I have the most recent addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for our class. I'll be glad to share this information with anyone. Call 828/682-9953, or e-mail: kahoke@yancey.main.nc.us."

"I also challenge guys in my class and their families to play in the tennis match at the Staunton Country Club on Friday afternoon!"

Jack Russell and **Bill Paxton**, roommates at AMA, have gotten back in touch. They live only 30 minutes from each other in Maryland, and Jack says, *"Bill, his wife, Sandy, my wife, Lenore, and I visited each other's homes and have had dinner in a nearby restaurant."* Bill lives in Dunkirk and Jack in Annapolis.

[Jack - JRuss57260@aol.com]

[Bill - mrbillpx32@aol.com]

Dick Young lives in Bastian, VA. He was Commander of the Roller Rifles and of Company B his senior year. After he left Reunion 2003, he went out west to California to run his race motorcycle at the Laguna Seca Track

near Monterey. Going 145 MPH, he slowed to 90 and the shifter jumped into first gear. The bike locked up and Dick went flying, landing hard on his left shoulder, which was shattered. He had surgery in a Monterey hospital, then a second surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN last October. Dick expects to be back on his bike this spring. [ricnring@netscope.net]

1951

(CHARLES PILLEY)

Jack Hodge has, since 1996, been Vice President of Volkert & Associates with responsibility for right of way acquisition, plan constructibility, and construction engineering and inspection. He is the retired Chief Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation. He and Mary Scott live in Blackstone and attend all the UVA home games. *"We keep the farm but grow nothing and feed nothing that can't be turned on with a switch."*

[jhodge@volkert.com]

Colonel Frank Pilley is mathematics professor at George Mason University and adjunct professor of math at Marymount University. Retiring after his Air Force career, he has been teaching math in a number of Northern Virginia schools. Frank is in charge of the tennis tournament at each alumni reunion and already is looking for players for Reunion 2004.

[fpilley@aol.com]

Bill Ault retired from the US Navy with the rank of captain. He lives in Arizona.

Rod Willey and Sue went on a 14 day Caribbean cruise in January with ten ports of call. Sue is doing very well after surgery in November.

[RSWilley8@cs.com]

1952

(JIM WHITE)

Tommy Mitchell and **Connie** are enjoying their retirement in Staunton. Tom was with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Cole Sandridge had a painful autumn after dislocating his foot and breaking his ankle while mowing his Charlottesville yard. *"I put my foot back in joint*

myself before going to the hospital," he says, "I don't know if I could do that again!" Cole and Roy Ann spent two weeks in Florida before he took his tumble.

Eduardo Schonborn has just moved to Waxhaw, NC.

[eschonbornjr@carolina.rr.com]

1953

(LEW MUNDIN)

Manuel Balbis has a tire export company in Miami. He is the former President and General Manager of Firestone Argentina.

[Maweet@aol.com]



Lee Trinkle is the President of ELT, Inc., a holding company of investments in timber lands and oil and gas properties. He also is Vice President of Infomedia, a software web page hosting a development company. Lee attended Virginia Tech, the US Military Academy, Reformed Theological Seminary and Fuller Theological Seminary. He lives in Birmingham. [LTrinkle@aol.com]

Bill Ragland, 1952 Recall



DR. BILL RAGLAND, '52, is on the faculty of the University of Georgia and serves as a professor at the Rudjer Boskovic Institute, Croatia's national research laboratory. Bill is doing research on immune suppression, a very serious health and economic problem in the commercial poultry industry worldwide. He is developing a test which will identify flocks that may benefit from interferon added to their drinking water. He is shown above with two of his lab assistants.

[wrag@rudjer.irb.hr]

Lew Mundin welcomed his 6th grandchild this past 26 August, a little girl. Lew is working four days a week at the Peter-Bair Shop in Richmond.

[LMundin@aol.com]

HONOR CLASS

1954

(KEN HOKE)

Manley Caldwell is an attorney in Palm Beach, FL. He served in the Army JAG Corps, leaving the service as a lieutenant colonel.

Guy Townsend has operated Priestly Farm Nursery for a number of years and is now semi-retired, raising and selling day lilies and irises with the help and support of his wife, Emilie. The Townsends live in Manquin, VA.

[Wguyemilie@aol.com]

Ken Hoke is the retired Director of Information Systems for Guilford of Maine. He now lives in Micaville, NC. Ken is Class Agent for '54.

[kahoke@yancey.main.nc.us]

Bob Harris and Kathy are building a home in Clifford, near Amherst, VA. Bob is the general contractor and says that this is his fourth time building a house. He hopes to have it completed by this summer.

[BHARIII@aol.com]

1955

(T. C. LEA, JR.)

Jack Meier says that he and Faye are "retired for good in Fishers, Indiana." They are enjoying the athletic events at their *alma mater*, Purdue, and Jack does some part time work for McGraw Hill in Indianapolis scoring high school math tests for various state education programs. Jack and Jane plan to be at Reunion 2004.

T. C. Lea, Jr., who formerly had law offices in Culpeper and in Virginia Beach, now maintains only his Culpeper office where he specializes in court matters involving criminal, traffic and personal injury cases. He and his two sons do a lot of fishing: Alaska in

2002; Canada in 2003; and back to Alaska this year. They drop in by float plane and spend a week in a cabin in the wilderness.

[tclea@ns.gemlink.com]

1956

(NONE)

Dr. Jim Mahanes practices medicine in Easley, SC. He is the brother of the late **Ron Mahanes, '53**.

Elgin Nining has owned Shady Lane Seafood in Colonial Beach, VA for 38 years.

1957

(GOODLOE SAUNDERS)

Jordan Pugh is in computer systems management in Alexandria. He is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania.

Jim Smith of Newport News signed on the AMA webpage and left this message: "Very nicely done!" Thanks, Jim. And thanks to **B.J. d'Orsay, '70**, who keeps the AMA page looking so good.

Lieutenant Colonel Goodloe Saunders, USAF, Retd. and Brenda were at Maxwell AFB, AL in November to pin lieutenant's bars on their daughter, Jamie, a past winner of an AMA Legacy Scholarship. She has since been transferred to Randolph AFB in Texas where she is going to navigator school. Daughter Christie continues to train to work with exotic animals at the teaching zoo in Simi Valley, CA. *"The fires out there last October came right to the zoo, then went around it,"* Goodloe says. *"The fire also came within a block of her house."* Fortunately, she was not injured, just badly frightened.

Tony Webster passed away several years ago, but many alumni know his sweet wife, Ann, who reports that at age 61, she is still flying her Cessna and recently received a motorcycle license. She was in Daytona Beach in October with 100,000 other bikers. She lives in Belleville, IL and would like to hear from folks who knew Tony [AWebStar@aol.com]

(See **Luke Snyder**, '60)

(DUKE FANCHER)

Ed Trout co-authored a book about the historic buildings in the Smokies, a copy of which is at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Ed was formerly an historian for the National Park Service and lives in Sevierville, TN.

Hugh Harmon writes from Leesburg with a new e-mail address. [JHughHarmon@netscape.net]

1959

(DAVE CONRAD, _____)

EASTLACK and ELLIOTT RIDGE)

Walter Anderson manages a branch of Wachovia Securities in Richmond. He graduated from George Washington University and has worked for Dun and Bradstreet, Smith-Barney, the



JIM HUME, '57, is the retired coach of the Millbrae, CA Lions Track Club, one of the oldest women's track teams in the country. Jim visited his brother, **Bob**, '63, in Harrisonburg this past fall and volunteered to be "Docent for a Day" at the AMA Museum, above. [jcdhume@sbcglobal.net]

Kanawha Valley Bank, Scott and Stringfellow, and Wheat Securities. [WRAnderson@firstunion2.com]

Zeke Zehmer retired after 38 years as a real estate broker. He lives in Craddockville (Exmore), VA.

Bob Battenhaus is in the engineering industry working with fossil fuel power plants from his home in Denver. He graduated from Kent State in 1964 getting his BA in 1965. He taught high school chemistry before joining Babcock and Wilcox in 1967. In 1970, he joined Washington Group International until 2001, and now works for CH2M Hill. [rtbattenhouse@worldnet.att.net]

Keene Byrd is President of Byrd Enterprises, electronic access control and photo ID systems for industry and government. The company is headquartered in Charlottesville. Byrd graduated from the University of Virginia in 1969. [akeeneb@unforgettable.com]

Bill Blakely says he really is enjoying retirement, traveling as much as possible (recently to New England and Alaska). Bill lives at Fort Benning, GA and plans to move to the North Carolina mountains in late 2004. [blakelywm@worldnet.att.net]

John Holder is an auctioneer and

liquidator in Hillsville, VA. He received a business degree from the University of Miami in 1960.

Dave Conrad has retired as President of Lyndave, Inc. consulting firm. He lives in Red Oak, VA where he is a member of the Southside Virginia SPCA.

[daveconrad@aol.com]

Dr. George Wiese is a neurosurgeon in Tacoma, WA. He finished at the Georgetown Medical School in 1967 and did his internship at Madigan General Hospital in Fort Lewis, WA. He served in the US Army Medical Corps being discharged at the rank of lieutenant colonel.

1960

(LUKE SNYDER)

Steve Linton is President of Cable-NET, Inc., manufacturers' representatives with offices in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the fiber optics and telecommunications cable field. He and Gwen, live in Collegeville, PA.

[stevel@cblenet.net]

George Holt is the retired President of Holt Sublimation Printing in Burlington, NC. In 2004, he plans a cathedral tour of England and Scotland, a two week tour of Austria, Italy and Germany, and a fourth trip to Peru with his church group. [gholt3@triad.rr.com]

Frank Williamson and Bev, who seven years ago downsized to a condo, have now "upsized" into a bigger house. Frank says the whole thing was one of the quickest sell/buy real estate transactions he's ever seen. Good luck, guys! [Frank bev1@aol.com]

Luke Snyder is looking for a 1957 *Recall*. Can you help him?

[lukesnyder@carolina.rr.com]

1961

(JACK STEELE)

Dr. Coleman Carter is an internal medicine physician in Charlotte, NC.



COLONEL STEVE PASSERO, '69, and Mrs. Passero visit the World War II exhibit in the AMA Museum.

His wife, Nancy Gardner Carter, the daughter of **Colonel Leonard Gardner**, is a member of the Charlotte City Council.

David Chichester is the Commonwealth's Attorney for Stafford County, VA. He received his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1968.

Sidney Trott is the retired Sheriff of the City of Staunton.

Jim Crawford is Sales Director for Nortel Networks, a telecommunications equipment company in Atlanta. [jcrawf@nortelnetworks.com]

Dr. Reginald Wortman is a physician at the Carson City Hospital in Hubbardston, MI.

Ray Barber says that his best days were at AMA! [natcoray@aol.com]

**1962
(BOB GEBEAUX AND
BOB RIDGEWAY)**

Jim Bosley is in the wholesale auto sale business. He and his wife, Anne, live in Leesburg.

Tom Stilwagon is the area key account salesman for Champion Products. Tom lives in Englewood, OH.

Bill Brooks owns Brooks Arms and Militaria in Montgomery, AL, specializing in military helmets, flight jackets, uniforms, unit flags, medals, swords, wings, daggers, patches and, of course, guns of every

military classification. (See ad on page 60) [www.Brooksmilitaria.com]

Bill Keller is Director of the Annuity Products Group, AIG Variable Life Insurance Company, in Cypress, TX. He retired from the Navy Reserve at the rank of captain.

[BaJKeller@ev1.net]

Rob Overly is Executive Vice President of the Frank Gates Service Company having been with Gates since 1967. He lives in Phoenix, AZ.

[roverly@frankgates.com]

**1963
(MIKE BASTO)**

Alan Berliere lives in Palm Desert, CA where he is General Operations Manager for Circuit City.

Joe Zepp and his wife stopped by the AMA Alumni House/Museum this past fall "and I found myself talking with her about things I had not thought about for 40 years." The Zepps live in Christaina, PA. [jzepp@chesco.org]

Bob Hume is Senior Vice President of Travel Mates of Virginia, headquarter-

ed in Harrisonburg. It is Bob who not only donates a luxury motor coach for the Friday trip at each annual reunion, he drives it himself! Thanks so much, Bob! [tmates@vaix.net]

HONOR CLASS 1964

(KEN EICHNER, DAVE

HOLSINGER and PHIL MATTSON)

Henry "Nick" Nicol is Country Manager in Guatemala for Inter-Con Security Systems. After finishing at Vanderbilt University, he was in the Navy 22 years retiring as a lieutenant commander in 1990.

[hnicold@pobox.com]

Willard Sink works with Parakaleo Ministries at the Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Clemmons, NC.

Dorsey Thompson is semi-retired with his wife of 37 years, Judy, in Merritt Island, FL. He does engineering consulting work for NASA at the space center and is Sunday School Superintendent at the First Baptist Church in Cocoa, FL. He is into long distance bicycle rides, golf and reading. Judy and Dorsey have one son and one grandchild.

Dave Holsinger, one of the Class Agents for '64, has a new mailing address: 54 Ironwood Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

[HolsingerDR@aol.com]

**1965
(NONE)**

Ben Beard is Assistant U.S. Attorney in Pensacola, FL. He is the senior litigation counselor in the U.S. Attorney's office.

[bbeard1@bellsouth.net]

Dave "Smitty" Smith is the owner/operator of D.W. Masonry in Denton, MD. Smitty and Robyn now have five grandchildren.

Joseph Peyton Lea is an attorney in Orlando. He was Captain of Company A as a senior. [jplea@bellsouth.net]

Barry Weeks has his own financial and management company in Gray, GA. (See ad on page 24)

[barryweeks@juno.com]

David York is in the San Francisco office of Latham and Watkins where he handles mainly intellectual property litigation. His law degree came from Notre Dame. He and Barbara, live in Woodside, CA.

[david.york@lw.com]

1966 (NONE)

Gordon Bennett is an investigator for the Virginia State Corporation Commission in Richmond. He had 31 years of law enforcement before joining the SCC, retiring as a lieutenant from the Richmond Police Force.

Jim Tessada is a sales and marketing executive with the Ford Motor Company. He and his wife, Ellen, live in Rochester Hills, MI. Daughter Cecilia is married and lives in Oak Ridge, NC; son John works in Washington, DC; and daughter Victoria attends the University of Michigan. Jim and Ellen have one grandchild and another due soon.

[JTessada@hotmail.com]

Dave Carissimi had a pacemaker installed last fall because of a slow heartbeat. "Better slow than stopped," he reasons. He is doing fine now, thanks to modern medicine. Dave and Mary Jane live in Creve Coeur, MO.

[dcarissimi@sbcglobal.net]

John Zehler, Jr. and his wife, Kathy, have moved to their farm in Fluvanna County, VA where their mailing address is Palmyra. John is owner of Virginia Fuels and is involved in commercial real estate development. He was captain of both the baseball and football teams at Augusta and went on to play varsity football for the Richmond Spiders. John and Kathy have two daughters.

[kzehler@vafuels.com]

Victor Adamus and his wife, Ann, had dinner last fall with **Doug Brown**, '67, and Lisa.

[property@brevard.net {Victor}]

1967 (MAC MCGINNESS)

Jeff Deyong owns Deyong's Saddlery and Western Wear in Newport News.

Jackson Prentice has owned Jackson Prentice Commercial Real Estate and Jackson Prentice Management, both in Washington, DC, for the past 30 years. His wife, Mary Ruth, is vice president of JP Management. Daughter Hannah Ruth is a real estate agent with the company and son Jackson is a graduate student at Wake Forest seeking an MBA in law.

[MrPrentice@aol.com]

Doug Brown, '67, Battalion Commander his senior year at AMA, underwent prostate cancer surgery in December. The doctors report that all went well.

Mickey Toms is in real estate and commercial property in Charlottesville. His company is Real Estate III.

[baxtom@aol.com]

Roy Props owns Varina Athletic Association in Richmond.

[KSProps@aol.com]

John Botcheller and Nancy have settled in to their new San Francisco digs. John is Executive Vice President of Finance for Provident, a major credit card issuer. They spent the Christmas Holiday at their home in Connecticut.

[botcheller@aol.com]

John Rock is the business owner and distributor of industrial hardware and chemicals in Roseville, CA.

[jrocket1@ix.netcom.com]

Jim Stillwagon operates several businesses in Worthington, OH. Stillwagon Enterprises deals in service awards and advertising specialties. Starlock Security Systems and Gary Guard, Inc. are also in the Stillwagon stable. Jim was twice consensus All-American at Ohio State and won the first Lombardi Trophy as the nation's outstanding college lineman in 1970. He played professional football in the Canadian Football League. Jim now has two grandchildren who "bring so much more to our lives."

[www.stillwagon.net]

Brock Wagner has owned Majestic Landscape Design and Maintenance in Boca Raton, FL since 1996. Son Brock, Jr. married last August to

Carrie who has a six year old son, "so finally we are grandparents if only by proxy (for now)."

[BVWagner@bellsouth.net]

Carlos and Cesar Lacayo visited **Bob Guggenheimer**, '43, in Madrid last October. Carlos is roving ambassador for commercial affairs for Nicaragua and was in Madrid with the President of Nicaragua. Cesar lives in Miami. (See photos on page 25)

[lacayoca@aol.com]

Gordon Jernigan, Sr. owns a waterproofing company in Walkersville, MD. Semi-retired, he spends a lot of time on the Outer Banks in North Carolina where his 28 foot *Holy Mackerel* is berthed. He and Joy have three children and six grandchildren.

[www.GLJSRInc.com]

1968 (GORDON METZ)

Bruce Orenstein is the Director of Business Development for Group 4 ICS. He lives in Laurel, MD and serves as Chairman of the AMA Legacy Scholarship Program.

[bruceo@aca.org]

Harry Orenstein is an attorney with the Xerox Corporation. He lives in Kensington, MD.

[Harry.C.Orenstein@usa.Xerox.com]

HONOR CLASS 1969 (BILL SCARBOROUGH and NICK SYROPOULOS)

Harvey Bowers and his wife, Sandra, own the Agate Inn, a B&B in Wasilla, AK. Harvey worked for the U.S. Geological Survey after graduating from the University of West Virginia. This led him on assignment to Alaska, and he has never left.

[alaska@agateinn.com]

John Henderson owns an insurance brokerage firm and lives in Snead's Ferry, NC. He is a proud new grandfather of Elijah Thomas Henderson Edwards. John has found countless ways to help AMA, including the donation of the two flag poles in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Thanks, John! And congratulations in becoming a grandpa!

[SFIJ@topsailnet.net]

Bill Leustig owns Beyond Training, a PC training and consulting company in Los Angeles. Bill lives in Glendale.

[bill@beyopndt.com]

Joe Wenzel is a bail bondsman with responsibility for the Valley from Winchester to Staunton. Joe has volunteered to work one Saturday a month at the museum.

Doug McDowell is a custom home builder and developer in Santa Fe, NM, and is on the board of the New Mexico Association of General Contractors.



VICTOR GOMEZ, '69, visits the AMA Museum with his Mother.

the US Naval Academy Prep School in Newport RI. [sisak@naps.edu]

Gary Nicholson has had many problems with his legs and late last year the doctors determined that he has lymphedema which causes his legs to retain fluid. He has had compression bandages for a while and the doctors think that he will be A-OK again soon. Gary and Susan had their daughter, Amanda, home for Thanksgiving with Brian and little Britney.

[NICKAMA70@aol.com]

Frank Roach is Senior Vice President of Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., a company he has worked for since 1976. He lives in Richmond. He and his wife, Mary Reid, have two daughters: Martha Laird, 22, and Alice Keeling, 18. [Frank.Roach@Ferguson.com]

1970

(HARRY CAMPBELL and BILL PARKINS)

Bobby Crozier is a civilian employee at Sheppard AFB in Texas where he has been a telephone and network technician for the 82nd Communications Squadron since 1993.

[crozierb@yahoo.com]

Bob Echols and Paula have been married for 19 years and have two sons, Robert, 17, and Paul, 15. Bob worked in the field of human services for 25 years coordinating residential and vocational services for people with disabilities. Now, Bob faces a great challenge of his own: he has ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease, and another rare disorder called CADASIL. "But as negative as this might seem, it has prompted me to be aware of all my many blessings."

[Rudra108@aol.com]

Ron Ginns lives in West Grove, PA where he has his own electrical business: Phase I Electric, Inc.

[RGinns@aol.com]

Syropolous urges '69ers to sign up for Reunion 2004

A letter from Nicky the Greek

It will soon have been 35 years since we finished at AMA. It's time to show up at the reunion and see the people you grew up with! For good or bad, our time here is limited and every year our numbers shrink.

So, get off your butt and call a roommate, teammate, classmate, or old AMA friend. We need to see each other again. There's a lot of time to make up for. Get in touch with Bill Scarborough or me to get the up-to-date addresses for your '69 brothers.

Come to the reunion and enjoy Jack White's oysters! See Johnny Douglas play golf barefooted. Billy Beader still has that NYC accent in spite of all his years in Nashville. I'd love to see Bruce Reyngaude, Paddlefoot Jensen and Doug McDowell again.

Bring your wife, your kids, or just yourself and enjoy the BEST WEEK-END of the year!

Al Martin lost his class ring 30 years ago, and in the process became re-connected with AMA! Read the story on page 52. [earn51@cox.net]

Mike Sisak is a science instructor at

Steve Trent is Chairman of the Suffolk (VA) Republican Party. A retired Army officer, he is President of Grimsley's House of Tools which sells specialty equipment to reface high pressure steam valves and specialty pipe cutting equipment for closed-in areas.

[grimsley@mindspring.com]

Bill Parkins (See Class of 1935)

[ewillpark@adelphia.net]

1971

(GARRY GRANGER and RICH MASCHAK)

Mark Femrite lives in Blacksburg, VA where he is an independent insurance agent. [mfemrite@aol.com]

Dr. Richard Whitaker has a veterinary facility in Maine. The Animal Center/ New England Genetics is located in Turner, ME. He received his biology/chemistry degree from Washington and Lee University and his doctor of veterinary medicine from the University of Georgia.

[moodoc@ megalink.net]

Garry Granger and Becky are the proud grandparents of Emma Lee Doty, born last September. Garry says, "In spite of everything I have heard about being a grandparent, nothing prepped me for the joy that you feel when holding this little life in your hands." The Grangers live in Double Oak, TX.

[GGranger@FreshAdvantage.com]



Above, Mike Mangano, '76, and his wife, Victoria, with Sergeant Joe Josephson. Below, Lee Lewis, '77, with his wife and son. Both visits to AMA took place last fall.



**1972
(LEWIE KENNETT)**

Doug Driscoll owns an advertising agency and publishes a weekly entertainment newspaper serving 11 counties in Northeast Indiana. He lives in Columbia City, IN.

[Doug@whatzup.com] agent.

Paul "P.J." Thomson, III, is a high school teacher in Stephens City, VA. He and his wife, Sara, have two sons: Joseph, 16, and Clark, 15.

[pthomson@wcps.k12.va.us]

Don Malnati is president of Renovations Unlimited and lives in Silver Spring, MD. [donmalnati@juno.com]

Lewie Kennett has retired as a firefighter and is now working parttime for **Reed Nettles, '72**, who represents a number of companies to NASCAR. Lewie lives in Boones Mill, VA.

[L2cshift@aol.com]

**1973
(JOE GARRY)**

Tom DeValle is Vice President for

Customer Service for American Airlines at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. He previously was President of American Eagle in Puerto Rico.

[Tom_Del_Valle@amrcorp.com]

**HONOR CLASS 1974
(HAYES DICKINSON, COREY KOENIG and BILL BRUDER)**

Hayes Dickinson is in the poultry business in Lumberton, NC.

[krmiller@infoave.net]

Dwight Van Nitz is President of Fields of Glory, a Civil War relic and book store in Gettysburg, PA.

[foglory@cvn.net]

Andy Bell is Vice President of USI Insurance Services. He lives in Katy, TX and just got reconnected with the AMA Alumni Association.

[Andy.Bell@usi.biz]

**1975
(BRETT THOMPSON)**

Glenn Keller is a systems analyst for Cinergy Corporation in Indianapolis.

[Gkeller@1quest.net]

Colonel Larry Nicholson, who has been the only active duty Marine assigned to NATO Headquarters in Brussels, has taken command of the 5th Marine Regiment, the most decorated regiment in the Corps. The unit deployed in the early Fall from Iraq to Camp Pendleton, CA.

**1976
(JIM MITCHELL)**

Frank Harris is a civilian computer scientist with the U.S. Navy. He lives in Virginia Beach. [frankh@pinn.net]

John Tyminski, also of Virginia Beach, is Virginia State Representative for Sandvik Coromant, manufacturer of carbide cutting tools for the metal machine industry. He and Cindy have been married happily for the last four years. John, Jr. just blessed the family with a granddaughter, Grace.

[john.tyminski@sandvik.com]

**1977
(SHAWN OGIMACHI)**

George Mineff is an attorney in private practice in Cleveland, OH. His oldest child is a freshman at DePaul Univer-

sity and his youngest is in the 4th grade "with two more in the middle, so I'll have to keep on working for a while." George received his law degree from Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

Charles Livick is the Transportation Supervisor for the Sygma Network in Harrisburg, PA. He plans to attend Reunion 2004 in April.

[CRoller77@yahoo.com]

Shawn Ogimachi is a career counselor and instructor at Cabrillo College in Aptos, CA and an associate professor in the College of Education at San Jose State University. He lives in Santa Cruz where has just completed a "mother-in-law" add-on to his house. (See story on page 45)

[shawnnogi@aol.com]

Keith McWilliams wonders if anyone has gone camping over the alumni reunion weekends in the past? Get in touch with Keith if you want to camp out at the reunion. [mkm@dmv.com]

1978

(HENRY HARRIS)

Johnny Robinson is a lieutenant and patrol commander at the State House in Annapolis where he has worked for more than 25 years. He just built a new house in Joppa, MD.

[Johnny.Robinson@dgs.state.md.us]

HONOR CLASS 1979

(PAUL KARCH)

Lee Miller owns Miller's Appliances in Morgantown, WV. He, his wife, Kimberlee, and sons Jacob, 12, and Job, 10, live in Fairmont, WV. For the past 11 years, Lee has been a Civil War reenactor presenting himself as an infantryman, dismounted cavalryman, and light artilleryman. Kimberlee demonstrates bobbin lacework and tatting, and Jacob drums in a Fife and Drum Corps. The whole family is involved with the Jacob's Meadow Battery, 1st West Virginia Light Artillery, Company F.

[jacobsmeadowbattery@verizon.net]

Ed Iskow owns and operates Support Enterprises, an airline equipment repair company, in Richmond. His wife, Cyndy, has earned her Ph.D. and is

working on another Masters in orientation and mobility for the visually impaired. They have two children: Rachel, 9, and Joseph, 7.

[ed_iskow@mindspring.com]

1980

(NONE)

Ty Miller is with Laurel Highlands Rafting Company in Grafton, WV. He graduated from the University of West Virginia in 1985.

1981

(TODD LIVICK)

Tony Beneventi is a category analyst for the Minute Maid Company in Foothill Ranch, CA. He has a BS in business from Pepperdine University.

[tonyb3@cox.net]

Billy Berroa, Jr. talked recently with **Colonel Mal Livick**. Billy is hoping to get back to Reunion 2004.

[berroasports@msn.com]

1983

(WAYNE KRESON)

Wayne Kreson lives in Tucson, AZ having moved there from Provincetown, MA.

[wayne2165@aol.com]

HONOR CLASS 1984

(CHRIS MEEK & STEVE REECH)

Major Steve Zwicker graduated from Stafford County (VA) High School after AMA closed, then went on to Virginia Tech where he received an Air Force commission upon graduation. He is now stationed in Honolulu where he lives with his wife, Heather, and their two children.

Corky Ridge, '59, doing well!

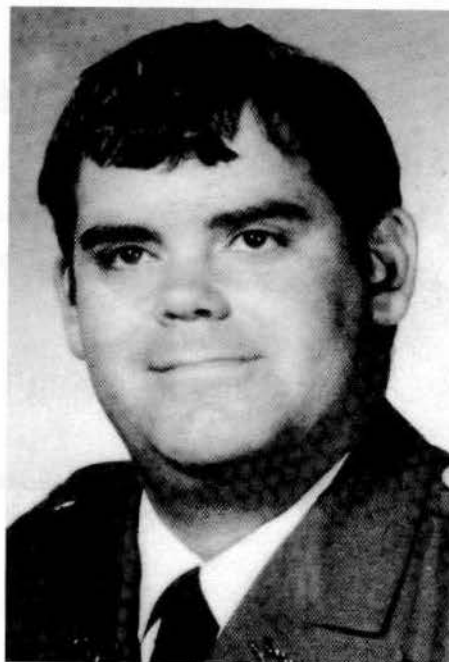
As we were going to press, we got a very encouraging update on the condition of **Elliott "Corky" Ridge, '59**, who had a stroke in March of 2002. His sweet wife, Hope, says that Corky is doing very well indeed! Recently, they recently visited the AMA Alumni House/Museum (photo in Fall 2003 *Bayonet*).

Hope says that Corky credits AMA and the friends he made there with "saving his life as a young man trying to find his way in the world... He loves the Museum and plans to visit as often as he can."

Colonel Sedr to reunion to honor Class of 1984

The former headmaster and commandant at AMA, who is now headmaster at Fishburne Military School, will return to the AMA campus this coming April to award special certificates to Augustans who would have been in the Class of 1984.

Colonel William W. Sedr, Jr.



Colonel William Sedr, Jr.

joined the AMA faculty in 1978 as a social studies teacher. He went on to serve as department chair, was a member of the lacrosse and football coaching staff, was named assistant commandant, and directed the AMA summer session. On 1 July 1982, he was appointed headmaster and commandant, continuing in those positions until the school closed in January of 1984. Cadets who were in the Class of '84 returned from their Christmas holidays to find the school shuttered and their opportunity to walk across the gym stage to receive their AMA diplomas gone.

On Saturday 24 April during the Saturday luncheon at Reunion 2004, the members of that class who can be located will finally take that walk and

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★ HONOR ★ CLASSES ★

★ Seven classes will be honored
at Reunion 2004

1944 ◦ 1954 ◦ 1964 ◦ 1969
1974 ◦ 1979 ◦ 1984

HERE ARE THE CLASS AGENTS:

1944 - Bill McOwen ◦ 1954 - Ken Hoke
1964 - Ken Eichner, Dave Holsinger and
Phil Mattson ◦ 1969 - Bill Scarborough
and Nicky Syropoulos ◦ 1974 - Hayes
Dickinson, Corey Koenig and Bill Bruder
◦ 1979 - Paul Karch ◦ 1984 - Chris Meek



Contact your class agent to see what plans there are for your special reunion year!

REMEMBER!

The reunion this year is earlier than usual!
22-23-24 April - BE THERE!

Don't be disappointed. Make your hotel reservations **NOW** for Reunion 2004!

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center

\$78 a night + tax
1/800/932-9061
or 540/248-6020

OFFICIAL HOTEL

Quality Inn
\$65 a night + tax
540/248-5111

The two hotels listed above
are at Exit 225 off I-81
at Virginia Route 275
Most functions will be at
The Holiday Inn

OTHER STAUNTON HOTELS

Regency Inn, 268 N. Central Avenue
540/886-5330

Comfort Inn, 1302 Richmond Road
540/886-5000

Hampton Inn, 40 Payne Lane
1/800/426-7866 or 540/886-7000

Guest House Inn (formerly Shoney's)
42 Sangers Lane
1/800/552-4667 or 540/885-3117

Microtel, 200 Frontier Drive
1/877/877-8439

EconoLodge, 1031 Richmond Road
1/800/424-6423 or 540/885-5158

Super 8 Motel, 1015 Richmond Road
1/800/800-8000 or 540/886-2888

Best Western, 92 Rowe Road
1/800/752-9471 or 540/885-1112

Sleep Inn, 222 Jefferson Highway
1/800/488-8750 or 540/887-6500

VERONA

Ramada Inn
1/866/718-8982 or 540/248-8981

The AMA Alumni Association does NOT make hotel reservations. Make your hotel reservations early, and BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR REUNION REGISTRATION

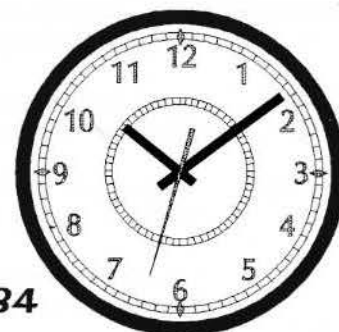
IT'S ABOUT TIME!

IT'S ABOUT TIME...

you get back to a reunion to see old friends and make new ones

IT'S ABOUT TIME...

the cadets from the Class of '84 get certificates showing that they would have graduated in June of '84



IT'S ABOUT TIME *we all gave a little of OUR time to keep AMA's name alive and flourishing*

**Make plans
now to
attend!**

**Full details
in the next
pages!**



**22 - 23 - 24
APRIL
2004**

**A week earlier
than usual.
It's about time!**

We are looking for Silent Auction sale items

We need your help in making the Silent Auction at Reunion 2004 a big success!

In past years, what have we had to offer at the Silent Auction? Well, **airline tickets - sports items - a handmade cherry desk - historical pictures and frames - AMA related items - a Civil War saber - books - handmade quilts and angels - hams - and even some Confederate money!**

The old story remains true - one person's junk is another person's treasure. Be thinking about what you can donate to make the 2004 Silent Auction a big success. In our top year, AMA made \$6,000 at the auction, thanks to our thoughtful friends.

Auction Chairman **Dave Conrad, '59**, says he is

looking for an outstanding auction at the reunion. "Of course, that depends on what kinds of things we have to offer," he says. "I am hoping that our friends and alumni will think hard about what they can offer for sale at the auction because the more quality things we have, the more money will come in for AMA."

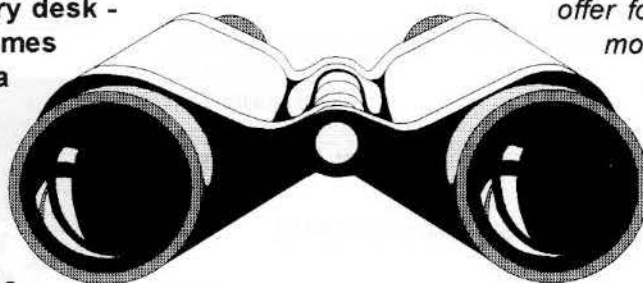
If you have any big items for the auction, please notify Dave at: daveconrad@aol.com, or phone the AMA Alumni House at 540/248-3007.

When you come to the reunion, bring any items for the Silent Auction

to the registration area at the Holiday Inn.

The auction begins at 8:00 AM Friday 23 April.

It closes promptly at 9:30 PM on Saturday 24 April. Please help the 2004 auction be the biggest success to date! Thank you!



The Final Schedule for Reunion 2004

THURSDAY 22 APRIL

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open
Continuing exhibit - AMA honors its
veterans of World War II

Noon - 4 PM . . . Early Bird registration
Hospitality Tent and PX open - Holiday Inn

Noon - 1 PM . . . Casual golf tee times
Staunton Country Club

5:00 - 7:00 PM . . Early Bird Reception
Staunton Country Club

7:30 PM . . . Hospitality Tent reopens
Holiday Inn

FRIDAY 23 APRIL

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM . . . Registration
Hospitality Tent and PX open - Holiday Inn

8:00 AM Silent Auction begins
Holiday Inn registration area

8:30 AM . Golfers register/photos made
Staunton Country Club

8:30 AM . . . Tour of Walton's Mountain
Lunch at the Wintergreen Resort
Meet in parking lot near Hospitality Tent
Motorcoach courtesy of **Bob Hume, '63**
Hosted by
Bev and **Frank Williamson, '60**

9:00 AM AMA Open Golf Tournament
Staunton Country Club

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open
AMA Campus

1:00 PM AMA Fun Tennis
Staunton Country Club

4:30 PM Walton's Mountain tour
returns to Holiday Inn

5:30 - 6:30 PM AMA Reception
Hospitality Tent
Attire: Coat and tie

7:00 PM Awards Banquet
Holiday Inn Ballrooms
Cash bar open at 7 AMA Scholarship Awards
AMA Alumni Medals
Dinner served at 7:30 PM

9:00 PM . . . Hospitality Tent reopens

The Silent Auction continues

SATURDAY 24 APRIL

7:30 AM Continental breakfast
Hospitality Tent
Class meetings and class photos

9:00 AM Annual membership meeting
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

11:00 AM Display of military equipment
AMA Parade Field

11:45 Soupie by Bugler **Phil Myers, '71**
Bagpiper leads group into AMA Gym

11:55 PM Luncheon
AMA Gymnasium
featuring **Dr. Mary DeCredico, USNA**
Awarding of certificates to the Class of '84

*Immediately following luncheon, proceed
to the Parade Ground for: Drill exhibition*
Massanutten Military Academy
Benedictine High School
Judged by Virginia Military Institute
followed by
Founders Day Ceremonies
Joe McCue, '66
(In case of rain, ceremonies in the gym)

2:30 PM . Alumni House/Museum open

3:00 PM Sporting clays shoot
Flying Rabbit
Harrisonburg

4:30 PM Alumni House/Museum closes

5:00 PM Tequila Sunset Party
Tequila shooters
Hospitality Tent

7:15 PM until Barbecue and dance
with a DJ
Hospitality Tent

8:30 Silent Auction closes

SUNDAY 25 APRIL

9:00 AM Prayer breakfast
Coach Bill Ralph, Holiday Inn

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

11:00 AM Sunday Service
Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church

Cadets to march at AMA again!

Drill teams from Massanutten Military Academy and Benedictine High School in Richmond will have a drill competition on the Parade Ground just after the Saturday 24 April luncheon at this year's reunion.

The competition will be judged by an officer from VMI. In addition to the Army officer from the Institute, the current AMA VMI Scholarship winner may also help with the judging. Cadet Patrick Tanganan, '06, of Ewa Beach, Hawaii is expected to be on hand for part of the reunion.

The competing drill teams will be lined up for inspection when reunion goes leave the gym after lunch. AMA alumni will be invited to inspect the ranks of the cadets arrayed before them. After the competition and the awarding of a trophy to the winner, the two drill teams will pass in review.

AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, said, "It will be like old times except for the uniforms. Marching feet, snappy drills and straight lines, and likely we will all remark on how young the cadets look!"

Fishburne Military School also was invited to participate in the competition, but their finals conflict with AMA's reunion dates.



Three \$2,000 AMA Legacy Scholarships will be given at Friday Awards Banquet

Is your son or daughter,
grandson or granddaughter,
great-grandson or great-granddaughter
in college or about to go
to college?

Then, you'll want to get an application for an
AMA Legacy Scholarship.

The three scholarships are worth \$2,000 each, and for the first time, emphasis will be given to young people who are just graduating from high school and who will be entering an institution of learning beyond high school for the first time.

AMA Scholarship Chairman **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, says that applications are now available from the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Phone 540/248-3007, or FAX 540/248-4533. Send a letter to: Scholarships, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100. E-mail: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com.

Scholarships are given annually to the direct descendants of AMA alumni who are 25 years old or less, and are either enrolled in or about to enroll in an institution of learning past the high school level. The scholarships are paid directly to the institutions.

Descendants can be natural, adopted or step children, grandchildren, etc.

Completed applications must be returned no later than 19 March 2004.

Judging is done by an independent educator who has no relationship to the AMA Alumni Foundation or the AMA Alumni Association or to any officers or board members of either organization.

Ask for an application now, and be sure that it is returned by the **19 March 2004 DEADLINE!**

The Sporting Clay Shoot: a great way to spend an April afternoon

When is the last time you fired a shotgun? It doesn't really matter because whether you are an expert or a novice, there is much fun to be had at AMA's annual Sporting Clay Shoot to be held during Reunion 2004 on Saturday afternoon 24 April.

Blaine Clarke, '72, has arranged for each of the last five shoots and has scheduled this year's again at the Flying Rabbit near Harrisonburg. "You can fire your own weapon or you can borrow one," says Clarke. "We are just out to have an April afternoon of good fun."

In 2003, **Ed Chauncey, '49**, his son-in-law and his grandson won three of the five top prizes. Ed's grandson, Justin Miller, broke the most clays in last year's event.

The shoot begins around 3 PM Saturday after the Founder's Day activities are completed. This year, those ceremonies will be held at the site of the howitzer on the AMA campus.

If you would like more information about the event, contact Blaine at: nuroses53@aol.com.



The Sporting Clay Shoot winners at Reunion 2003. Come out for the 2004 event 24 April!

Remember!

**Reunion 2004 will be
a week earlier
than usual!**

**Thursday - Friday - Saturday
22 - 23 - 24 APRIL**

**Get your hotel reservation now!
Don't be disappointed!**

WE ARE SEARCHING FOR MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1984, THE LAST CLASS AT AMA, TO AWARD CERTIFICATES DURING THE REUNION. IF YOU KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF ANY GUYS FROM '84, PLEASE CALL 540/248-3007 OR E-MAIL: AMAALUMNIHOUSE@AOL.COM.

Come visit John Boy's neck of the woods on the Friday trip to Walton's Mountain!

On 23 April, travel to Walton's Mountain and have lunch amidst the spectacular mountain scenery at the Wintergreen Resort

Wintergreen

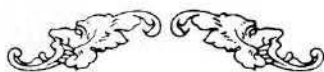
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Located in the beautiful Rockfish Valley of Nelson County, Virginia near the Blue Ridge Parkway, Wintergreen Winery offers spectacular scenery throughout the seasons. The vineyard sites are well-suited to the growing of Vinifera and Hybrid varieties that produce a wide array of premium wines.

Nestled inside a 19th century farm building is the state-of-the-art winery operation, a comfortable tasting room and a delightful gift shop filled with unique items. Light picnic fare is available to enjoy at the scenic picnic area on winery grounds near the South fork of the Rockfish River. Treat yourself to a visit soon.



FRIDAY 23 APRIL DURING REUNION 2004

8:30 AM . . Depart from the Holiday Inn for Walton's Mountain
 Noon Lunch and wine tasting at Wintergreen
 4:30 PM Luxury motor coach returns to the Holiday Inn

WALTON'S MOUNTAIN MUSEUM

The Schuyler Community Center
on Walton's Mountain

Step back in time...take a beautiful drive to the quaint village of Schuyler, childhood home of Earl Hamner, Jr.

The Museum is located in the old school and features:

30 min. video - 6 rooms replicating the
 TV sets - "Ike Godsey's Store" -
 Playground - Picnic area

Schuyler, Virginia
 in Nelson County



Sign up on the blue registration form! \$36 per person includes: luxury motor coach, luncheon, wine tastings and admission to all attractions!

Time to nominate for Alumni Medals

Nominations for the 2004 AMA Alumni Medal are now being solicited. This will be the 6th year that the medals will be awarded to those who have provided extraordinary service to the AMA Alumni Association and the AMA Alumni Foundation.

Winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet on Friday 23 April during Reunion 2004.

Individuals nominated may have done some very special thing for AMA or may have, with a series of smaller contributions, done great service to Augusta. Those who have received medals in the past may receive them again though members of the AMA Medals Committee may not be considered during the year they serve on the committee.

AMA alumni, faculty and friends all may nominate someone for the honor. The medals can be presented to alumni, faculty members or any good friend of AMA whether or not he or she attended AMA.

AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, has appointed **Bob Bradford, '50**, to chair the committee again. Other members of the committee are **John Hash, '70**, **Frank Williamson, '60**, **Rod Willey, '51**, **Gary Nicholson, '70**, and **Granger**.

Medal winners in 2003 were **Paul Bratton, '48**, **Ed Chauncey, '49**, **Hilton Roller Grasty**, **Bob Hume, '63**, the late **Ronnie Mahanes, '53**, **Bob Rhea, '47**, and **Frank Spencer, '49**. 2002 medalists were **Dave Conrad, '59**, **Duke Fancher, '58**, **Bob Harris, '54**, **Sergeant Joe Josephson**, **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, **Steve Trent, '70**, **Jerry Wildman, '57**, and **Willey**.

The medal, shown at left, hangs from a blue and white ribbon. On the obverse of the medal, the recipient's name and class, if an alumnus, are engraved.

Other past winners are **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, **Sergeant Don Studer**, **Gordon Metz, '68**, **B.J. d'Orsay, '70**, **Chief Chester Cole**, the late **Mickey Gordon, '39**, **Tommy Simmons, '52**, **Steve Pearson, '72**, **V.P. Leavel, '39**, the late **Bill Gray, '37**, **Ed Click, '50**, **Nicholson**, **Williamson** and **Bradford**.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:
AMA MEDAL

P.O. BOX 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437
or FAX 540/248-4533, or AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING ENTRIES:
26 MARCH 2004 !

Think about the people who deserve this recognition, and please have your nomination in by the deadline.



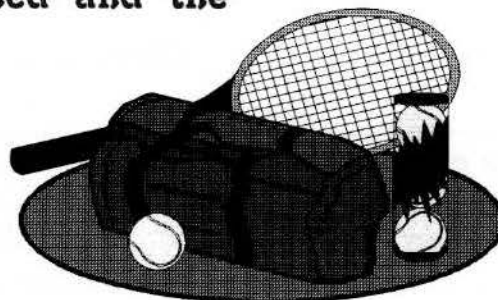
Ready for an easy afternoon of tennis?

That's what is planned for Reunion 2004. You don't have to be a pro to play! Heck, you don't even have to be a good amateur! Just a nice afternoon on the courts with other sore-muscled, out-of-shape **AMA** folks.

We have reserved the courts at the Staunton Country Club for Friday afternoon 23 April at 1 o'clock. Dig your racquet out of the closet and be there. Balls will be furnished and the courts are paid for.

All we need is **YOU** for a wonderful afternoon of tennis and good fun.

Ladies, you are cordially invited!



SIGN UP NOW FOR

THE 2004 AMA GOLF OPEN



*Can you help us get
"goodies" for the players?*

Each year, we have been able to obtain some very nice prizes for the players.

We're looking for caps, balls, golf tees, towels, umbrellas and such. We'll also take cash!

If you can help us make the tournament a success, send your contribution to

Mickey Toms, '67
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4 person team scramble (Captain's choice)

Use every player's tee shot twice - Lowest score wins!

Proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation

Everyone welcome - men, women, teens

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd & last place! Best putt!

Longest drive! Closest to the pin!

FEES: \$100* per person includes 18 holes, greens fees, cart, refreshments, box lunch, goody bags, prizes, and a donation to AMA. * Includes two mulligans.

Staunton Country Club
Friday 23 April at 9:00 AM

Deadline to enter: 2 April

SHOTGUN START

THE 2004 AMA GOLF OPEN SIGN-UP

Your name _____ Class _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ e-mail _____

Handicap, or last three scores _____

☐ I'll play with anyone ☐ Team me with _____ Class _____

_____ Class _____

☐ We have a foursome _____ Class _____

_____ Class _____

_____ Class _____

Make check to: AMA Alumni Association (Be sure to put the word GOLF on your check)

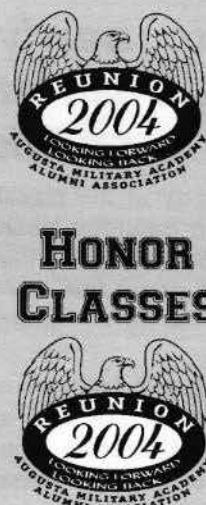
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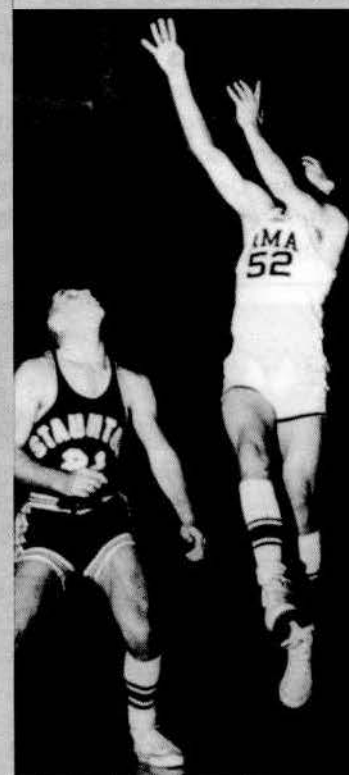
60 YEARS AGO - The 1944 AMA Rifle Team. Front, Barber, Lea, Musgrave, and Lear. Back row, Cockrell, Brewer, Weed, Dunbar and Huntsberry.



50 YEARS AGO - In 1954, the OD in the Guard Room. Who is he?



35 YEARS AGO - Colonel Hoover and his JV Lacrosse Team in 1969.



40 YEARS AGO - In 1964, Pete Lampman goes for a two-pointer against SMA.



30 YEARS AGO - In 1974, just before the diplomas were handed out, Joe DiFranco, Bob Jones, Corey Koenig and Larry Malnati lead their class into the gym.



20 YEARS AGO - Chris Meek, Class of 1984, marches his young charges around the Bowl.



25 YEARS AGO - Coach Sassaman in 1979.

Dr. Mary DeCredico, newly appointed Assistant Dean at US Naval Academy, to speak

The Chair of the Department of History at the Naval Academy in Annapolis will speak at the Saturday lunch during Reunion 2004. The author of two books on the Civil War, Dr. Mary DeCredico will talk about the AMA legacy which grew out of that war and the terrible times for Virginia after the peace.

Dr. DeCredico received her MA *magna cum laude* from Bucknell University. She received both an MA and a Ph.D. in Southern History from Vanderbilt University. She is now working on a book about the Confederate home front for publication by the University of Kentucky Press.

Frank Williamson, '60, Chairman of Reunion 2004, met Mary in his incarnation as a tour director. "She is so knowledgeable and makes her points so forcefully," he says, "and she is a very nice person!"

Reunion goers will have many times to meet Dr. Mary and to ask her about the Civil War. She plans to be with us for the entire reunion, an extraordinary commitment of time from someone who has just been named the Assistant Dean at the Academy.

After her remarks on Saturday, Dr. DeCredico will take questions. We are so fortunate to have her with us!

AMAAlumni.org

Virtual tour of museum coming

You will soon be able to take a virtual tour of the AMA Museum. AMA's webmaster **B. J. d'Orsay, '70**, expects to have this feature on the AMA homepage by the end of the month.

"It will give AMA friends who can't get to Fort Defiance a chance to experience what our volunteers have spent the better part of four years working on," he says. There will be some 75 photos and articles about the exhibits currently on display with some very small details being emphasized that otherwise might be overlooked even on a personal tour. d'Orsay travelled from Lubbock, Texas to spend a week at the AMA Alumni House/Museum this past summer photographing items and studying their significance.

Chis Meek, '84, and d'Orsay are resurrecting AMAMail, the on-line mail swapping program created by **Steve Pearson, '72**. This program will be an entirely voluntary one and alumni can opt out of the program if they wish.

All AMA alumni and friends owe a lot to B.J. He has given AMA a professional looking homepage, something that would cost many hundreds of dollars to replicate. Thanks, B.J.!

AMA WORD GAME

Find the word held in common by the three words in each puzzle. The three solution words will form a fourth puzzle that has something to do with AMA. The numbers indicate each answer's length, and the + tells you its position. Got it?

Example: +flower, Wailing+, and Berlin+ is wall. (wallflower, Wailing Wall, Berlin Wall).

___ + room

Dime + ___

___ + front

Terrible + ___

Two by + ___

Ones and ___ +

Hair + ___

+ time

Auto + ___

5 + _____

4 _____ +

4 _____ +

FINAL

ANSWER

7 _____

Solution on page 49

Joe McCue, '66, Son of Cy, to do Founders Day honors

John Cyrus "Joe" McCue, III, '66, grew up the son of one of the best teachers who was ever at AMA. Decades of cadets owe their success in later life to **Colonel Cyrus "Scientific Cy" McCue**, mentor extraordinaire, uncommonly good physics and mathematics teacher, and someone depended on in myriad ways by **General Roller**.

Joe will speak at Founders Day ceremonies at the site of the howitzer after the Saturday luncheon in the gym. His family's long association with the Rollers gives him a unique perspective as the son of an AMA faculty member and a seven-year day boy.

At AMA, Joe played football, baseball and basketball and played football when he attended Randolph-Macon from which he was graduated. He worked as a camp counselor in Maine, owned several Staunton businesses including the Staunton Athletic Club and the Staunton Braves baseball team. Joe is a participating supporter of the Oak Grove Theater, an outdoor amateur playhouse near Verona.

Today, Joe is involved with reforestation, planting hardwood trees along area streams to prevent erosion. He is married with two children: a son in Appalachian College and a daughter in high school.

Joe was to have made Founders Day remarks last year, but a family death prevented his appearance. We are delighted that he is available this year!

MUSEUM

Memories. Personal memories. Assembled without preoccupation with who might see them later. Turned into journals and scrapbooks, now we can look through the pages and recapture times gone by.

The museum has come into possession of a number of AMA-related scrapbooks and journals, some dating back to the first years of the last century. Memory and fellowship books were popular in the early 1900's. **Don Studer** says that these scrapbooks are a great source of information for the eras they represent.

The friendship journals were laid out like ledger sheets with columns for the date, the name of the person making the entry, that person's address, birthday or anniversary, his ambition, and a space for "Happy Thoughts," which include comments such as, "Here's to the women! God bless them," "Homeward bound with love for AMA," and "My ambition is to leave this hole and not come back as a cadet." There are photos of long ago parades, souvenirs of sporting events (From 1917, AMA 9, SMA 0), pictures of AMA's cavalry unit, moth-degraded chevrons and tarnished brass buttons, cords and medallions.

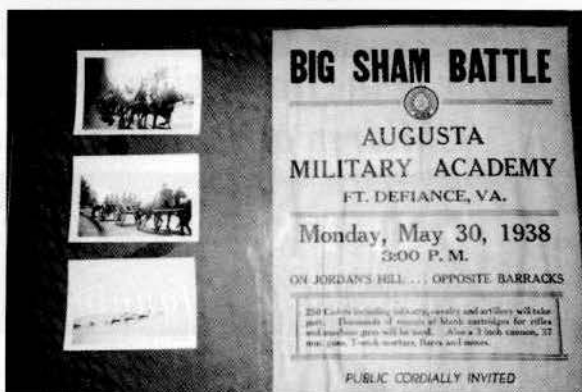
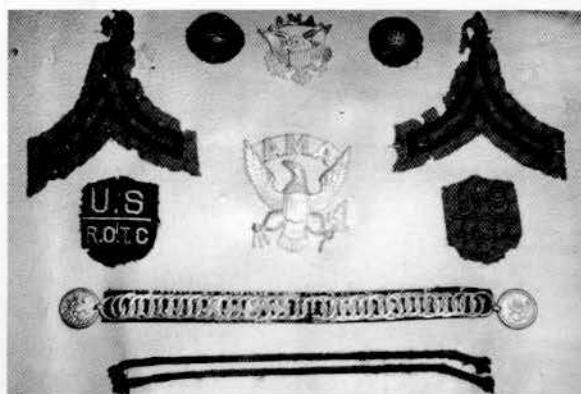
These scrapbooks are an historic treasure, and we invite alumni, faculty and friends to donate your AMA scrapbooks, either now to be enjoyed and studied, or as part of the disposition of your estate when you are gone.

Sedr from page 13

receive a specially created certificate from the man who would have presented them their diplomas in 1984, Colonel Sedr. Sedr, whose father was a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force, is a native of Washington, DC and received a BA with honors in history from VMI. He was his company's intramural athlete of the year and a



A PAGE FROM 1931 shows the Final Ball orchestra and dance card, an AMA laundry list and some idealized fantasies.



January until June of 1984, he joined the faculty at Fishburne. He was appointed academic coordinator in the fall of 1986 and headmaster in 1988.

Colonel Sedr continues to teach advanced US and world

Distinguished Military Graduate. Commissioned in the infantry, he rose to the rank of captain in the US Army Reserve. He completed his MA in history at Virginia Tech and has pursued additional course work at the University of Virginia, James Madison University and Bridgewater College.

After teaching history at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal from

history courses and has coached football and wrestling at FMS. He will complete 20 years on the Fishburne staff in June of this year. Sedr, who has been nominated for *Who's Who in America*, lives in Staunton with his wife, Debbi. They have two children, Brook, 22, a Mary Baldwin graduate, and Billy, 15, a sophomore at Lee High School in Staunton.



FLAG DAY - The new Augusta County flag joins the Virginia State flag on the pole in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

GAME DAY - The west end goal post at Augusta still finds its use as some area high school players polish up their kicking game as they look for college scholarships.



SNOW DAY - The Valley had its share of snow even before the official first day of Winter. Our 105 howitzer stands guard over the AMA Alumni House/Museum and the snow stilled campus.



JIMMY CHEZEM, 1945 and 1963 - Left, Cadet James Chezem, '48, taken in 1945. Right, Major James Chezem, Army General Staff, The Pentagon, taken in 1963.



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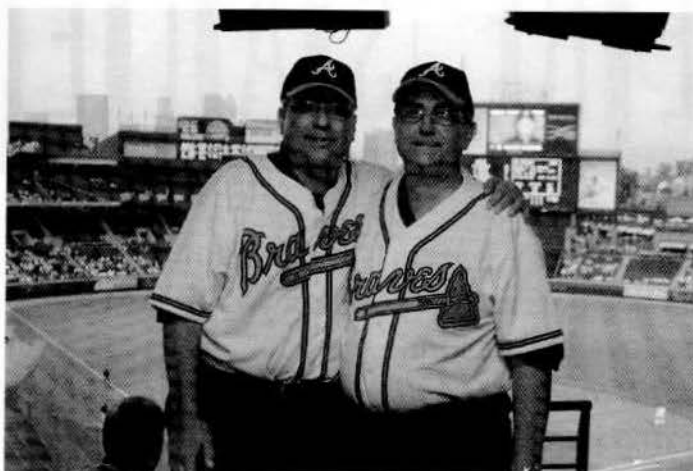
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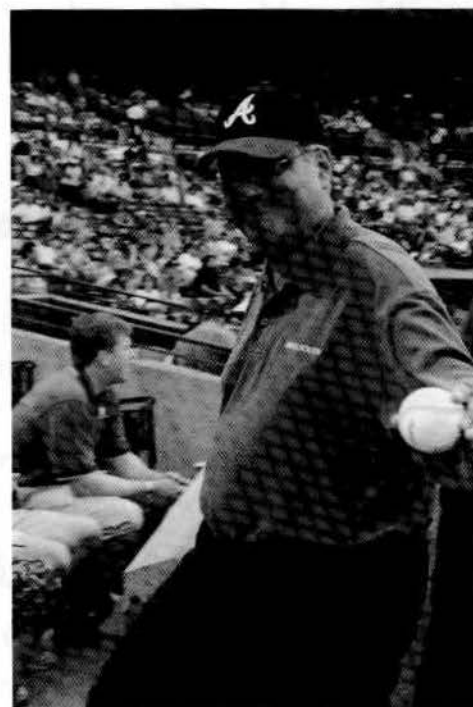
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Carlos and Cesar Lacayo, both from the Class of 1967, visited Atlanta last fall where Carlos, right, threw out the first pitch at a Braves game. The brothers are partners with Bell South in the cellular phone business in Nicaragua and were visiting Bell South Headquarters in Atlanta.

**Take
me
out
to
the
ball
game**



Looking for *Bayonets* from 1976 through 1983

We are looking for *Bayonets* from the last eight years that the school was open.

Says **Sergeant Don Studer**, "There were no yearbooks after 1975 except for one very small one in 1981. Having no yearbooks from the final years of AMA's operation is denying us access to lots of the school's history, particularly in the turbulent final years."

So, Don and other AMA Museum volunteers are putting together a collection of *Bayonets* for 1976 through 1983, the last full year that the school was in operation. They are calling them: *Recalls* as seen by *The Bayonet* (see photo at right) and each binder will contain all of the *Bayonets* from a specific year.

"We have no *Bayonets* at all for any year after 1979," Don says. "We don't know how often the paper came out in those years nor how many issues were printed in any year. So, we need to rely on our alumni and AMA friends to help us secure the missing issues."



Our goal is to have a copy of every issue at the museum so that all alumni and AMA friends will have access to them."

Listed here are the issues of *The Bayonet* from Class Years 1975-76 to 1983-84 that are now in the AMA Museum:

75-76 - Nov 1, Mar 5, Apr 30, & May 28

76-77 - Oct 30, Jan 21, Apr 30, & May 27

77-78 - Nov 4 & Mar 10

78-79 - Dec 13 & Jun 1

79-80 - Nov 2, Dec 14, Mar 28 & May 23

Again, there are **NO** issues from 1980-81 until the school closed in January of 1984.

And to repeat, the museum volunteers have no way of knowing how many *Bayonets* were published in any given year. Do you have any *Bayonets* from school years 1975-76 through 1983? If so, please get in touch with Sergeant Studer at: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com. Phone 540/248-3007. Mailing address:

P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.

Thank you very much for helping us serve our alumni!

VMI Scholarship grants in 9th year

In the summer of 1986, the AMA-Virginia Military Institute Scholarship program was inaugurated, a tribute to **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.**, AMA's longtime and beloved commandant, superintendent, principal

and owner, a proud graduate of the VMI Class of 1901. Since then, annual contributions have been made to the VMI Financial Aid Office with the Superintendent deciding who will be the recipients. Those who donated to the VMI Fund before 31 December 1986 were made charter members.

For the first three years of the program, Cadet Stephen Smith of

Staunton received the stipend. This year, Cadet Patrick B. Tangonan, Class of 2006, an electrical engineering major from Ewa Beach, Hawaii, is receiving \$2,000 from the AMA fund.

In the next *Bayonet*, we'll have a complete history of the VMI Scholarship Program, and tell you what has happened to some of the men and women who have gotten the grants.

AMA PAVER SALE

You can remember a fellow cadet, a teacher, a friend, or a parent. You can honor a living person who is important in your life. Thank your parents for sending you to AMA.

Tell your mate that you love her or him.

These paver bricks line the walk leading up the hill to the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

They form a patio at the top of the hill. Pavers ordered now will be installed

IN TIME FOR REUNION 2004 !

ALL FRIENDS OF AUGUSTA ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

Alumni, families of alumni, teachers, children, and AMA friends.

Fill in the blanks below. Please PRINT! Only one paver per form, please.

Copy this form to order additional pavers

Name _____ Class _____

Address _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____



Number _____

Expiration date _____

Signature _____

WHAT SIZE PAVER DO YOU WANT?

____ 4"x8" BRICK - \$50

____ 8"x8" BRICK - \$100

When you buy a paver, you are supporting the AMA Alumni House/Museum

Please PRINT what you want engraved on your brick below.

Maximum lettering: 4" X 8" - 3 lines of no more than 12 characters each

8" X 8" - 5 lines of no more than 12 characters each

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NOTE: spaces and punctuation marks count as characters!

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Thanks to our friends

Paver patios, permanent flag holders installed at Alumni House, *and paid for!*

Augusta men to the rescue!

In the last *Bayonet*, we ran a story about the proposed construction of two small concrete patios by the front walk leading to the Alumni House/Museum, patios which will accept future paver bricks.

At the same time, permanent receptacles were to be put in place to accommodate the six service flags. Finally, we said that the project would cost \$2,500 and asked for alumni help.

The first good news is that **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, was able to negotiate a better price: a much better price: \$1775! Thanks for that extra effort, Ben.

Then, our alumni brothers chipped in to provide all the money that was needed, not only to build the patios and install the flag holders, but to purchase the six flags themselves: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.

The new pads will accommodate 130 8X8 or 260 4X8 engraved paver brick (like those offered for sale on the facing page). For those who contributed at least \$250, there will be a paver noting that contribution.

Don Studer was able to get a good price on all the service flags except for the Merchant Marine banner, and that flag was donated by an anonymous alumnus.

Thank you to all who helped out on this project. We now only await your order for a paver!

The pavers offered for sale give you a unique opportunity to thank a teacher, remember a parent, or honor a spouse. Order now to have your paver in place by Reunion 2004!



WE THANK THESE ALUMNI FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT

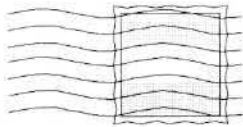
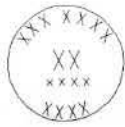
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Note the deadline: **MONDAY 1 MARCH, 2004** to have **YOUR PAVER** installed in time for Reunion 2004 which will be held 22-23-24 April!

Letters to the Editor



Also in Cuban invasion

I was glad to see the coat of arms from the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in the last issue of *The Bayonet*. I was also in the invasion, but not in the same group as the **Cuervo Brothers**. **Eddy Fernandez Pia** and I were at a training camp in Vieques, Puerto Rico. Castro called all of the Cubans who fled from Cuba worms, so we "worms" came up with this logo showing a worm with a rifle and the word: Volveremos - We Shall Return.



Ozzie "Coyote" Ferro, '53
Hialeah, FL

We let life distract us

Over the years, I have been remiss in keeping up with the many wonderful friends I made at AMA. All too frequently, we let life distract us. I allowed myself to be distracted for too long and several of my friends have passed away without my having renewed our friendships: **Charlie Hillsman** and **Herb Kline** to name just two.

I had to retire in March 2002 and subsequently have been diagnosed with both Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) and another rare disorder known as CADASIL. As negative as this may seem, it has prompted me to be aware of all my blessings.

Bob Echols, '70
Norfolk, VA

The connectedness of Augustans

I have read that after all these years, there still is a connectedness among AMA alumni. I think it is because we were given something at AMA (which I also got at William and Mary) that is missing in education today. The technical quality of today's education may be better, but the personal quality and emphasis on character have been lost.

Dr. Bill Ragland, '52
Zagreb, Croatia

A letter from Luis Pedro Aris stirs comment

(Editor's note: Mr. Aris went on the AMA webpage to ask that his name be removed from our mailing list.)

Just the opposite

My situation at Augusta is just the opposite of that which Mr. Aris apparently experienced. One of my great regrets in life is that I left AMA two or three months before graduation. Hindsight tells me that without AMA, I would never have made it through a public high school much less receive the kind of education available only at AMA. I got book knowledge, but I also learned from a

Panamanian cadet, a boy from Columbia, and my experiences as an army brat. I saw the lives of the affluent and the truant, and nothing prepared me for life as much as "Camp Augusta."

I look forward to the next time I can visit Fort Defiance and be reminded of the sacrifice my family made so that I could have a chance in life.

Jim Atchison, '73
Grand Rapids, MI

AMA helped me raise my son

I had my moments at AMA. I left my junior year as a private, but finally turned things around my senior year. AMA burned a place in my mind and left a soft spot in my heart. Because of AMA, I am a good father, able to raise my son alone and give him direction. Each year, I come back to AMA and I learn something new. This past year, I learned to forgive a little more. Mr. Aris, I hope you will reconsider and look at all the good that was AMA. So much good! So little that was bad!

Brett Thompson, '75
Oak Island, NC

A brick for Bisa

Our grandmother is **Hilton Roller Grasty** and we have ordered a paver for her from all her grandchildren. We call her Bisa and we could not think of anything for her birthday that would please her more than being honored on the walkway leading up to the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

We enjoy our visits to the museum and admire all the work done by the volunteers. Thank you also for continuing to honor our Bisa.

Elizabeth and Malcolm Andrews
Brunswick, ME

Glad to be on mailing list

Thanks so much for keeping me on your mailing list. I respect what you are doing and am sending along a small donation for the continuance of your work.

Joseph Byron Yount, III
Fishburne, '56, Waynesboro

Remembering John Morris, '49

Thank you so much for the great article about John in the Fall 2003 issue of *The Bayonet*.

Including **Jim Ragsdale**, **Bob Saunders** and **Dave Eborn** in the excerpt you chose to reprint made the article even better, and would have delighted John!

Anne (Mrs. John) Morris
Pittsboro, NC

Congratulations to the volunteers!

I was glad to see the AMA Museum mark its third anniversary and want to thank everyone for this feat. This Old Cadet is a long way from Fort Defiance, but very much appreciative to all who keep the AMA dream alive.

Alan Poole, '67
Minot, ND

More from Dr. John Morris, '49

Some memories of The Big Boy

In the last issue of *The Bayonet*, we published the first in a series of excerpts from works by the late **Dr. John Morris, '49**. Morris, who passed away in 1997, was a professor of English literature at Washington University in St. Louis for nearly 30 years. His wife, Anne, has supervised the publication of John's memoir and a book of his poetry. Here-with is an extract from *Then: Essays in Reconstruction*.



**John Morris,
1948 Recall**

— ♦ —

The first of us out of bed each morning was the corporal of the guard who after waking the bugler climbed the tower above the Front Arch to raise the flag. Out of an unfinished atticlike space a trapdoor gave him access to the roof. Here at the top of the school on a fine morning one might pause for a moment in one of the few solitudes the place afforded. Off to the east across the Valley of Virginia the Blue Ridge closed the far horizon, a black bar now, the sun just rising behind it. In the immediate distance a line of fog traced out the course of a tributary of the Shenandoah. Just at the end of the ground ran the Valley Pike, the route of Stonewall Jackson's legendary marches, now U.S. 11 along which moved an occasional automobile, its headlights still on. From this aerie the whole

school lay open to view; the football field and parade ground, surrounded by a bowl-like embankment, extended out to the highway; to the left, the roofs of the Mess Hall and the academic buildings declared themselves; beyond the splendid new gymnasium, the Old Stone Presbyterian Church stood on its little hill in a grove of trees.

Down in the barracks quadrangle, the bugler licked his lips and fiddled with the mouthpiece. For the last few seconds the corporal of the guard presided over it all. Around the tidy square, the barracks lay below like Fort Zinderneuf in the book and movie, and out beyond U.S. 11 the shifting sands of the Sahara hid the besieging merciless Touaregs. Behind each grimcrack stucco crenelation of the barracks rooftop the terrible Sergeant Major Lejaune of this imagination had posted a dead Legionnaire.

Now the bugler sounded the first notes of Reveille, *Sleepers, awake*. Through the trapdoor the corporal of the

guard climbed down into the everyday.

At ten o'clock in the morning, the corporal of the guard, the orderly of the guard and the cadet officer of the day had the barracks to themselves. Excused from classes, they basked in the ten o'clock sun in wooden chairs tipped back against the warm stone facing of the Front Arch. Into this peaceful moment erupted **Colonel Charles Somerville Roller**, the school's proprietor and formidable and slightly preposterous headmaster, exploding out of his 1937 gray Dodge almost before it came to a halt. His narrow-shouldered but powerful upper body bent forward above broad hips and a satchel-like bottom; his uniform blouse flapping about him, he moved at an urgent, shuffling half run toward his office in the north end of the barracks, as if there to meet, almost too late, and manly grapple with some unexampled emergency. Near the office door he returned the officer of

the day's stiffly perfect salute, his acknowledgment a sort of spasmodic twitch, as if he were throwing something over his shoulder. This sketchy gesture he made with a hand half crippled (rumor said) when in a fit of rage at some visiting parent he attacked the great black iron safe still visible through the window of the office, where now with loud expressions of dismay and self-pity he examined his morning mail.

Colonel Roller presides

From late morning until two o'clock, when classes ended and we marched to lunch, Colonel Roller pre-

sided over his school from a dais in the Big Room, in the days before Noah's flood the school gymnasium, but now our all-purpose official gathering place. Behind the Colonel's desk hung an American flag and a portrait of Washington, flanked by those of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. The side walls displayed printed mottoes from Emerson and Thoreau, Longfellow and Bryant, Tennyson, Whittier, and Herbert Spencer. In this inspirational setting, movies were shown on Saturday night, and here were held the meetings of the Ciceronian Literary Society, neither Ciceronian nor literary. Here met too on Sunday nights the YMCA, at AMA still true to its prayer-meeting origins. In the Chain Prayer, we one by one petitioned aloud for our parents' welfare; and perhaps silently for them to remember us here in our solitary distance from home.

At the upright piano in the corner, **Mrs. Warren Slaughter Robinson — Maggie Belle** we called her — this sister of



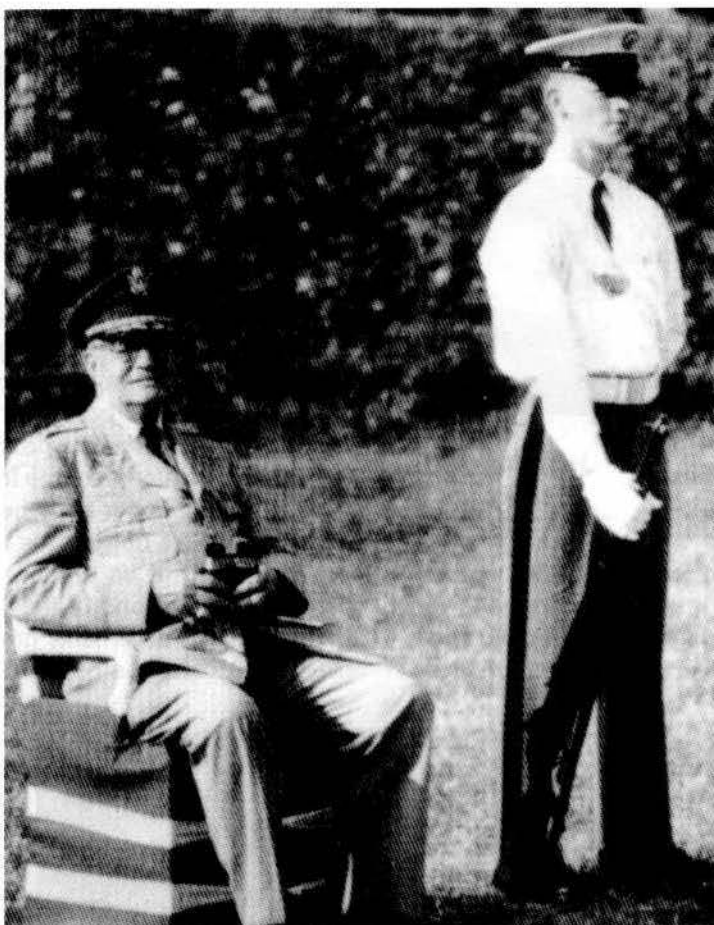
IN CHARGE - Seated at his desk in the Big Room, then Colonel Roller was a commanding presence.

Colonel Roller's — banged out the hymn tunes. "I was sinking deep in sin / Far from the distant shore / Very deeply stained within / Sinking to rise no more. / When the Master of my Fate / Heard my despairing call / And from the water lifted me / Now, safe am I." In chorus, we Walked in the Garden Alone, and we came to the Church in the Wildwood. Maggie Belle's hands swooped enthusiastically at the instrument, and her armloads of jangling bangles clashed against the keyboard at every chord.

In the Big Room at recess time on an ordinary school day, the corporal of the guard presented to Colonel Roller a file of four or five defaulters too deeply stained with sin to await the usual course of judgment. This absolutely routine item in the schedule seemed to strike the colonel all in a heap, as if betrayed, as if the occasion were unprecedented. Then, gathering himself together, the colonel proceeded to punishment, the usual sentence five or ten, exceptionally fifteen, strokes of his ferrule administered to the open hand. This action the colonel accompanied with piteous complaint. "Son, son, son," he exclaimed, "...one of my best boys, one of my *best* boys..." The stick descended in time with these lamentations, the colonel in his trance of self-pity losing track of the precise count. These blows did not in fact hurt much, and the victims took a rueful pride in how far execution exceeded sentence. The real punishment was having hurt the colonel's feelings.

The Colonel's college classes

In the Big Room, the colonel taught his two classes — "Colonel Roller's College Algebra" and "Colonel Roller's College Chemistry," as he always, and no one else ever, referred to them. There was no "college" about them and not much chemistry or algebra. Almost the only care I took for my education in my six years at the school was to evade these courses. His last minute discovery that I had done so provoked a tremendous scene. His stormy accusations of ingratitude and cruelty, his expressions of lacerated feeling moderated at last, dying away into a sunset mood of forgiveness, of disappointment gravely borne. How much of this was theater isn't clear to me. Perhaps there is something actorish about every remarkable headmaster. But when in a fit of sympathy he crushed you in a bearlike



THE BIG BOY TO WHOM THE BALL WAS TO BE TAKEN
- Seated just outside the west end zone, General Roller and his honor guard await an Augusta touchdown.

embrace and called you "Honey," you didn't doubt he meant it. It was only the volatility of his emotions, their labile quality, that now and then struck a false note. In any case, he hugely enjoyed enacting his own personality.

The Big Boy

Colonel Roller had got it into his head that among ourselves we referred to him as "the Big Boy," and he delighted in this sign of our affection. And of course a big boy is just what he was — a Big Boy, in his Big Room, an alarming, passionate baby endowed with the power over other people's lives. So pleased was the colonel with this form of words that he employed it himself — even, embarrassingly, in those advertisements for the school that appeared in the *National Geographic* and the *New York Times* Sunday magazine section. In fact in all my years at Augusta, I never heard a single person refer to him as the Big Boy without irony, but not for the

world would we have let the colonel know that.

At some crucial point in every home football game, Colonel Roller would appear in the end zone and sit himself down in a kitchen chair under the goalposts and, tipping back, dispose himself for enjoyment: the focus of all eyes, basking, as he clearly thought, in our affectionate admiration, the point of the team's attack. I shrank from this exhibition: what did our visitors there across the field make of this spectacle? Now, the cheerleaders, prancing official enthusiasts, put up their cry: "Take the ball to Big Boy!" We in the stands, perhaps at first satirically, joined them in their peppy chorus and now our backfield took fire. As often as not, as truth and narrative demand, in a half dozen plays they did indeed take the ball to Colonel Roller. He acknowledged our cheers as if he had made the touchdown himself. From fifty yards away we communed with him, bathing in his beatitude.

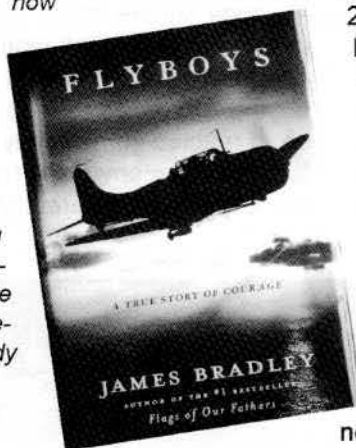
More from John Morris' works in the next issue of The Bayonet. Major Deane's comment that John was "dumb as owl shit." Major Hoover, Lieutenant Selden, Major Manch and Captain Arnaldo. All in John's unique style of prose. And a sample of his poetry also.

Want to see more? John's memoir and his book of poetry can be examined at the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

SPOTLIGHT on Loy Collingwood

As World War II lumbered into its final horrific year, the Red Army pressed on Nazi Germany from the east as American and British forces drove from the west. On the 10th of March 1945, Hitler's evil regime had less than two months of life remaining.

The defeat of Germany meant that American GIs, airmen, marines and sailors could now concentrate their fury on Japan. Americans had captured Guam, Saipan and Tinian in late 1944, islands from which bombing raids on Japan could be launched, and had captured the air field on Iwo Jima in February of 1945 though there were still plenty of Japanese troops fighting US Marines in mid-March. The importance of Iwo as a base where crippled B-29s could find haven returning from Japan had led to the bloody battle on the tiny island.



In the fall and winter of 2003-2004, a new book by James Bradley made the New York Times best seller list. Bradley, whose father had been one of the Iwo Jima flag raisers, previously had written *Flags of our Fathers* about that memorable photo op. Now, Bradley turned his attention to the brave US airmen who flew the Pacific skies and gave particular attention to nine American flyers who were shot down over Chichi Jima, eight of whom were captured and executed by the Japanese and one who was rescued by an American submarine – a young Navy pilot named George H. W. Bush. The book is titled *Flyboys*.

In the latter portion of the book, he describes in a chapter headed *Fire War* the incineration of Japan's cities, particularly Tokyo. American intelligence had confirmed that many wooden structures in the cities were being used to produce weapons of war with basic work being done in simple Japanese homes and the weapons being finally assembled elsewhere. This made the cities military targets. Flying daylight raids at 30,000 feet, the B-29s were above the flak but, buffeted by high level winds, they were not accurate.

AMA alumnus thought raids were suicide

General Curtis LeMay decided to turn American strategy on its head. They would go in low and at night. To save gas, they would not carry guns, gunners or ammunition.

"I thought this was next to suicide," said Loy "Smiley" Collingwood, '43, quoted in *Flyboy* (page 267). Smiley, whose Air Force nickname was "Ace", was the bombardier on *Maximum Load*, later named *City of Pittsburgh*, a B-29 in the 19th Bomb Group¹, 314th Wing, operating from Guam.

Collingwood is writing his own book (which will be titled

Kingbird-23, the radio call sign for his plane) about his experiences in the war and hopes to have it in a publisher's hands later this year. He has shared with *Bayonet* readers his chapter on the first daring nighttime low level attack on the Japanese capital on March 9-10, 1945, a raid involving 279 bombers which gutted 16 square miles of Tokyo and killed more people than died in the two atomic bomb explosions in August of 1945. Only 14 B-29s were lost.

Collingwood writes about the briefing they received from a Captain Moore: "Recently our intelligence people and their photo experts have come up with some new information. They're now convinced that the Japanese have family production units that operate out of their homes. Strips of photographs taken by our F-13 recon planes confirm that each day parts and sub-assemblies collected from hundreds and hundreds of these shadow plants are delivered to various assembly areas. General LeMay and his staff feel it would be next to impossible to destroy each of these small operations with general purpose, demolition bombs. Instead, because most of the structures are built of wood, they've decided to use incendiaries.

More incendiaries

"The results our Group got last week convinced General LeMay that incendiaries do a better job. You men should be proud of those results. No other Group even came close to the aiming point.

"Tomorrow, most of you'll be dropping E-46 incendiary clusters - some oil and others napalm. You will also carry a 500-pound general demolition bomb filled with something new called composition-b. It'll be fused with a short delay to aid in spreading the fires.



Loy Collingwood,
1942 Recall

"Tomorrow's mission is a little different. You're going to bomb at night - no rendezvousing - no formation. Each airplane will be on its own; fly up as a single plane; bomb as a single plane and return as a single plane."

Collingwood says that he was skeptical, to say the least, particularly when he heard that they wouldn't be taking their bomb bay gas tanks, guns, gunners or ammo. Plus they would be carrying the composition-b bomb which they had heard could explode even without a fuse in place.

At 1350 on Friday 9 March, Collingwood and his crew had another briefing: "To the left of the large map a blackboard listed the numbers of various planes and the airplane commander's name. Next came each plane's take-off time, and its altitude over the target. Ours was 7,500. Without thinking I repeated the number aloud. '7,500 feet, that's gotta be a mistake.' But it wasn't a mistake; every plane in

¹ The 19th Bomb Group was the only outfit fighting on both the first and the last day of World War II.

the Group had been assigned an altitude between 4,900-9,200 feet. Unbelievable, I thought. They're expecting us to take the best high-altitude bomber in the world and fly it right up Tokyo Bay at just 7,500 feet." With no guns to defend themselves, right in the teeth of the Japanese air defense.

Collingwood continues: "Walking to the bombing tent, my mind repeatedly backtracked to the overall concept of the mission. No bomb bay tank, I thought, was one thing, but no ammunition, no scanners, and down so low the Jap's light and medium ack-ack could have a field day - that was an altogether different ball game. Intelligence, also, had made it sound too easy - far too easy. Maybe they knew something about the Jap defenses that they didn't tell us, but hell, they weren't the ones going on the mission. At least we'd be the second Group over the target. It would be a long shot, but maybe we could get in and out before the Japanese woke up to what was going on."

Soon after 1600, the B-29s on Guam began to line up for takeoff. A red light blinked in the control tower, then turned to a steady green. *Maximum Load*, a.k.a., *The City of Pittsburgh*, began to roll and lifted off clearing the trees at the end of the runway by a scant few feet. The Guam radio station was playing Tommy Dorsey music as the sun was setting dead ahead.

The crew drank cold coffee and Collingwood took a couple of Benzedrine tablets to keep alert. The navigator had the job of guiding

Collingwood's plane to its target over the featureless sea below, but he lost his way and made them the last plane over the target. Being late arriving over the target which would give the enemy plenty of time to determine their altitude and adjust their fuses accordingly. One more thing to worry about.

A huge red glow

Then, as they approached the target, Collingwood "could see a huge red glow reflecting from clouds far ahead and slightly to the right. I thought to myself, this is the most heavily defended area in Japan. We'll probably be one of the last planes over the target."

They were still over water when the first flak came up, probably from a Japanese ship, and two Japanese fighters made a pass firing four lines of tracers at the B-29. As Collingwood's aircraft turned up the bay toward Tokyo,

strong searchlights locked onto the plane: "In the nose, the bright beams were directly in my eyes. Trying to look through the sight just made matters worse. The blinding lights reflected off the bombsight's mirror and right up through to the eyepiece. As far as I was concerned, for the moment at least, the lights made the bombsight useless.

Heavy flak at twelve o'clock low

"Within seconds accurate, heavy flak followed. One burst at twelve o'clock low. I could see the fire raging just ahead - a huge square, three or four miles on each side. Picking out a spot on the left side that wasn't burning as brightly, I carefully eased the cross hairs slightly to the far side of it, hoping to spread the fire over the darker area. Maximum Load reacted immediately with a slight bank and turn to the left. For the moment we had escaped the lights. As soon as we leveled out, I carefully turned the knob to solve for the rate of closure.

"That's it, I thought, check everything again - bomb bay doors open - all bomb-rack switches on. Just one more final adjustment and that's it. As the train of bombs left the plane, I stepped on the mike switch. 'Bombs Away!'"

Now, the task before Collingwood and his crew was to get the hell out of there, but having been off course for who knows how long, would they have enough fuel to make it back to Guam? But first: "Something struck the Plexiglas above my head and to the left, just as I reached forward to cage the sight's gyro. Instantly, a powerful thermal grabbed the plane and threw us violently up-

ward. Maximum Load shot up over 10,000 feet in seconds; the altimeter spun wildly. Then, just as quickly, we fell back down to 6,000 feet. Another fierce up draft tossed us skyward into more roiling hot air and smoke from the fire. The needle on the altimeter jumped from 6,000 to over 9,000 feet.

The pilot and co-pilot fought to keep control. The plane was in a sharp bank to the right. Then the nose came down sharply, "plummeting toward the fiery hell below. In every direction ahead, there was nothing but white-hot flame. I prayed: 'God, please get us out of here.'

At 1,500 feet the B-29 pulled out, but immediately ricocheted back up to 7,000 feet, the airspeed indicator bouncing far beyond the red line at 350 mph. "Instantly the bottom seemed to drop out, and we were again falling like an elevator out of control, engines whining as the props



TOKYO after the fire raid of 9-10 March 1945. The head of the city fire department informed the emperor that America could burn down every city in Japan and they could do little about it.



THE CREW OF MAXIMUM LOAD - In a photo taken on Guam after a bombing raid on Tokyo, Bombardier Loy "Smiley" Collingwood, '43, standing third from right with a 20-mission crush in his hat, poses with the crew of his B-29. "I had just been interviewed by the AP and my remarks were broadcast on the evening news back home in Pittsburgh the following day," Collingwood recalls. Next to Collingwood, second from right, standing, is Paul Jantz, the co-pilot, a big fullback from Louisiana. Loy would have to wrest him from his seat when he was wounded over Japan. Second from the left is Bob Murphy from Phoenix, the airplane commander, or pilot. To his right is the navigator, Bob Bourie, who had been blown out of his bed at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. He caused the B-29 to stray off course, making it the last plane on the Tokyo fire-bombing raid for which the Japanese were well prepared. Later in the flight, Bourie gave up completely and Loy and Murphy had to plot their way to Iwo Jima in their crippled bomber. (Bourie was killed later in a plane crash). Between Bourie and Collingwood is the six foot two tail gunner Bill Hatton. "I could never figure out how he could squeeze in that tight space and stay there for hours on end," Collingwood said. "When the photo was made, we were a tired, disheveled bunch. Notice the droop of my shoulders and Murphy's and Bourie's. Even those who tried to smile didn't have their hearts in it."

grabbed for air. The co-pilot's seat belt broke, and he hit the roof with a dull thud. Stunned, he slumped over the control column... Unhooking my safety belt, I grabbed and pushed the 200-pound former high school fullback away from the control yoke. Half-lifting, half-dragging, I helped him from the seat and stretched him out alongside the aisle stand. Stepping over the co-pilot, I slid into his seat, put my feet on the rudder pedals and grasped the half-wheel... The pilot was trying to get out of the turbulence to the left,

but a near vacuum sucked the plane downward. Then, just as he had regained control at about 2,000 feet, another wild thermal jerked us crazily back up to 9,000 and into a steep bank. I thought to myself, I sure hope the wings stay on 'til we can get out of here. Two more flak bursts just to the left. They were too close - the Jap gunners were right on us. The plane bounced and flipped crazily from updraft to downdraft and back like a ping pong ball on a fountain. A burning piece of charred timber went flying past. The whole

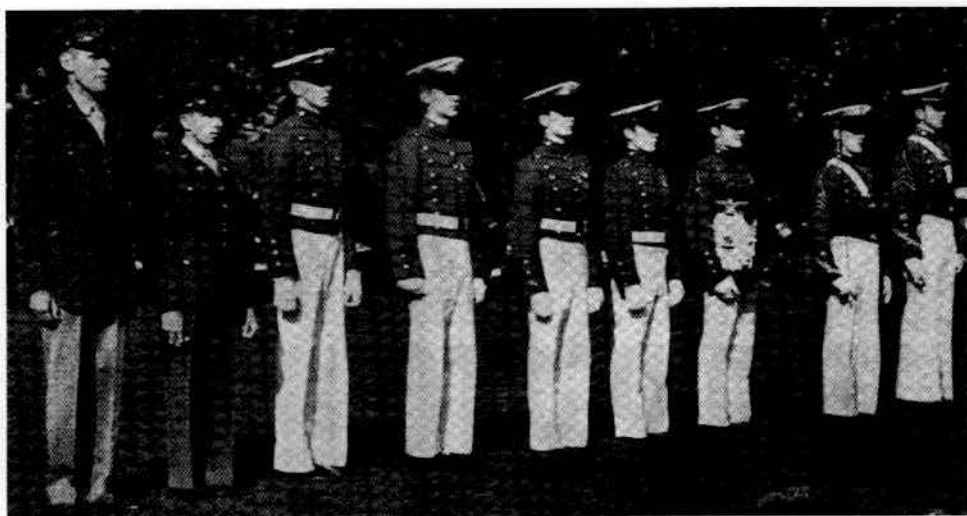
scene looked and smelled like a huge, roaring forest fire. Everywhere I looked all I could see were hot flames, some-times flashing up two thousand feet or more. The acrid smell of charcoal, smoke and burned flesh filled the plane. More burning timber soared past. I thought, if one of those damn two-by-fours hits our props we've bought the farm. Flak burst just ahead."

Once away from the ignescent scene below, Collingwood remembered that he had not closed the bomb bay doors. He flipped the switch to do so and heard the comforting sound of the doors slamming shut. But then, on the intercom: *Bombardier from Radio. Lieutenant, I can see a bomb still hanging in the forward bay.* Fearing that the bomb might be armed, Collingwood opened the bomb bays again.

Then, more bad news. The navigator had quit navigating! He just gave up, quit, said it couldn't do it anymore. So, a bomb still in the plane and no navigator, and no indication that they had enough gas to make it back to Guam. First priority: figure out where they were and where they were going. Smiley and other crew members worked together to get a fix while the pilot concluded they were going to have to ditch somewhere: they could not possibly make it back to Guam. Smiley: *"Opening my second pack of Camels, I headed for the navigator's station... I stopped to pour myself a cup of coffee. It was cold, so cold it didn't even smell like coffee. But it was wet, and my mouth was beginning to feel pithy from the Benzedrine... We got a celestial fix ... that put us less than fifty miles from the dead reckoning position... We thought we were a little less than two hours from Iwo Jima."* There was plenty of fuel to make Iwo.

A bomb still stuck

But, they still had a bomb stuck in the bomb bay. And not your ordinary bomb – a 500 pound general demolition bomb filled with the new stuff called composition-b, the bomb that would explode if you looked at it wrong. Every effort to dislodge it had failed and at one point Collingwood had been out on the narrow ledge in the bomb bay trying to set the bomb free, *"a strong wind buffeting the bomb bay doors... and tugging at the pant legs of my flying suit."* But the bomb stubbornly remained in place.



AMA'S 1942 NATIONAL CHAMPION RIFLE TEAM - The winners of the Hearst Trophy take a review from the Corps of Cadets in May of '42. L. to r., LTC A. L. Fulton, PMS&T, Staff Sergeant A. N. Wilson, rifle coach, and five members of the team: Stafford Whittle, William Fleming, Collingwood, Rufus Small and Team Captain Chauncey Harryman (holding the trophy). To their right are Adjutant Morris "Punchy" Guerrant and First Captain John Minor.

Photo by the Baltimore News-Post

While this was going on, the B-29 was picking up radio signals from Iwo. At first, they wanted the *Maximum Load* to ditch near a US cruiser, but realizing there was an undetonated bomb on board, the plan was changed. The B-29

would try to land on the fighter strip on Iwo, hoping that the bomb would not shake loose.

Collingwood and his fellow flyboys had to wait for another B-29 to make a crash landing ahead of them, landing wheels up in a cloud of dust. Then, it was *Maximum Load's* turn. With full flaps, the plane would fly right over enemy territory "at less than bb-gun range." They were now on the ground, brakes screeching, and two Marines were running to the plane as it stopped. "The pilot was talking on the radio: 'Crew, this is the Airplane Commander. Evacuate the plane immediately. Leave all of your gear in the plane. Hurry!' Jumping out, I was met by a

Marine brandishing something that looked like a tire iron. 'Where's that hung bomb?' he shouted. I yelled at him: 'Don't drop that thing here, you dumb son of a bitch, it's full of com-position-b. That stuff'll explode if you even look at it cockeyed.' He pushed past me and climbed into the front bay. Seconds later, the bomb fell with a thud onto the runway - shackle and all. Nothing happened. I exhaled with a low, slow whistle."

(conclusion on page 40)

Loy Collingwood came to Augusta from the City of Pittsburgh, the second name chosen for his B-29. He fired on AMA's National Champion Hearst Trophy Rifle Team, went out for track and golf, and was a member of the Monogram Club. He was on both the *Bayonet* and *Recall* staffs. He and his wife of 46 years, Toni, now live in Williamsburg. They have four children. Loy is a graduate of the Pitt engineering school and was Vice President, International Operations for H. K. Porter Company.

About Augusta, he says, "There is little question that my stint at AMA left me with self-confidence and the desire to succeed. How could it not with student leaders like **"Unk" Hamilton** and **Morris "Punchy" Guerrant**... Don't get me wrong: I was not an ideal student, but I believed in the Corps of Cadets. As an Air Cadet in the USAF, I became Wing Adjutant, and I credit AMA for that."



FROM '47 - Vincent Barger visits the AMA PX with his wife, Gwynne, and their daughter, Ginger.



FROM '60 - Mr. and Mrs. Dave Trimble in the Alumni House with our collection of *Recalls* in the background.



FROM '71 - John Paul visits the AMA Museum.

Some items of interest...

The Military Aviation Museum of the Pacific - Astronaut Wally Schirra is spearheading a drive to create a museum in Honolulu to honor our fellows who flew and fought in the Pacific in WW II. To receive more information, or to tell a Pacific Air War story of interest to the museum, write to: Wally Schirra, P.O. Box 29988, Honolulu, HI 96820-2388.

Get Well Cards for our wounded troops - Former AMA Instructor **Sergeant John Wallace** has asked that we all send "Get Well" cards to our troops who were wounded in the Afghanistan and Iraq Wars. Address is: Ward 57, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC 20307-5001. Submitted by **Julian Quarles, '35**.

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D-Day Commemoration - The D-Day Memorial at Bedford, VA will mark the 60th anniversary of D-Day on 6 June 2004. Details on page 62.

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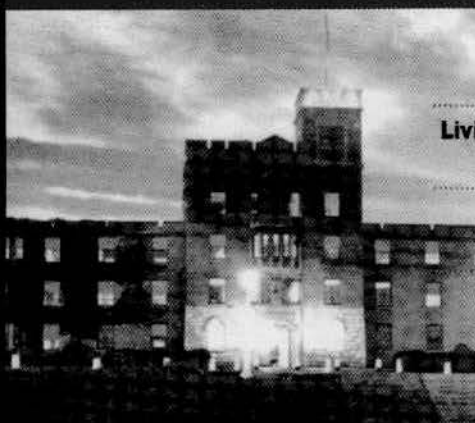


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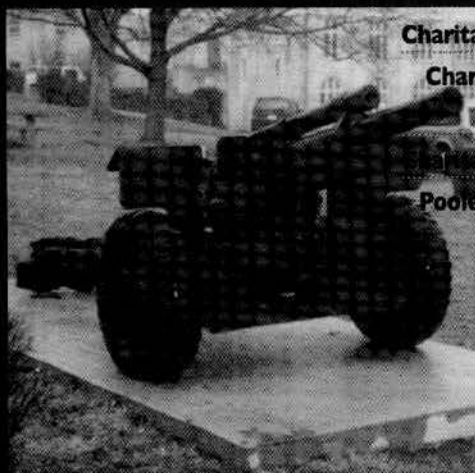
A deferred gift is a planned contribution that you arrange now but that won't benefit us until later. It may dictate this strategy, especially if you contemplate a sizable contribution. A deferred gift entitles you to a tax deduction at the time of the gift.



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- Through your will, give us money, property or a share of estate residue.
- Create a trust that will pay income to you or a relative for life, and then part or all of the remainder to us.
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- Fund with cash or other assets.
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How You Own Property May Affect Your Estate Planning

You sit down to construct your estate plan, or perhaps update an existing plan, and find that property is a significant asset. How you own that property—how you hold title—can influence the distribution of your estate. Primary ways to hold title on property and their effects on estate planning are.

- **Fee simple**, also called outright ownership, means you own the property by yourself and can sell it or give it away without anyone's consent. You may also leave the property to any beneficiaries you choose, so long as you recognize a spouse's marital interest.
- **Tenancy in common** is when two or more people have ownership. You can sell or donate your share as you wish, without the permission of other owners. Upon your death, your share of the property will go to your heirs or the beneficiaries in your will.
- **Joint tenancy with rights of survivorship** means that two or more people own equal shares of the property. When an owner dies, his or her share passes to the surviving owner(s) even if there is a will that says the property should go to someone else.
- **Tenancy by the entirety** is a form of joint property ownership that only applies to married couples. Neither spouse can sell property owned this way without the permission of the other. When one spouse dies, full title goes to the survivor.
- **Community property** laws apply to married people in Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. The laws do vary, but generally hold that each spouse has a 50 percent interest in all property and at death can dispose of that interest as desired.

It's important to note that other factors not listed here may come into play when transferring property. Professional advice is recommended.

The AMA Alumni Association

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni **Association** plans and executes the annual reunions, operates the PX, sponsors the annual alumni picnic and supports other "for profit" ventures.

Reunion registration fees, PX purchases and the like are **NOT** tax deductible.

The AMA Alumni Foundation

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni **Foundation** supports the AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund, the VMI Scholarship Fund, the AMA Museum, the maintenance of the alumni mailing list, and publishes and distributes *The Bayonet*.

Gifts to the AMA Foundation **ARE** tax deductible.

That is the reason that the AMA Foundation was created: to provide an opportunity for friends of Augusta to support our activities and be entitled to a deduction on federal and state* income taxes.

When the alumni association earns money on one of its projects, it may, if its officers and board so decide, transfer some or all of those funds to the foundation.

However, once money is in a foundation account, it can be used only for those purposes which would entitle a donor to a tax deduction (scholarships, the museum, *The Bayonet*).

The foundation can **NOT** transfer money to the association.

* Check with your financial advisor to determine your state's tax rules

PLAN AHEAD

You probably have seen the words above with the obvious implication that the writer did not adequately plan ahead. He ran out of space before he ran out of words.

Life is a little like that too except that you run out of **TIME** instead of words. And when you run out of time, no mortal on earth can replenish it. So the time to determine what you want to have done when you pass away is **NOW**.

As you can see on the previous two pages, making a sizable donation to a non-profit organization like the AMA Alumni Foundation needn't leave your loved ones high and dry.

There are gifts that give back to you: a charitable remainder trust, a charitable gift annuity. Then there is the simple bequest - telling your loved ones with your will that you want something to go to AMA.

Whatever you decide, won't you join the Friends of AMA listed on the facing page? Complete the blank below (you can use a photocopy if you wish) and return it to us so your name can go on the **ROLLER SOCIETY** plaque in the AMA Museum.

You'll be in very good company.

I want to become a member of *The Roller Society*
I am making arrangements for a deferred gift which will benefit
the AMA Alumni Foundation when I pass on

(Print name)

(Your signature)

(Class, if applicable)

(Date)

Return this form, or a copy of it, to:
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The Roller Society

The Roller Society honors those who have pledged to leave something to the AMA Alumni Foundation when they pass away. It is on the shoulders of these dedicated heroes that AMA's future will be built. Funding the AMA and VMI Scholarships. Maintaining and improving our jewel: the AMA Museum. Supporting the printing and mailing of The Bayonet.

The Roller Society logo, left, infers that your gift will keep on giving, echoing over the years, enabling us to repeatedly fund the programs that define who we are, assuring that your name will be remembered long after you are gone.

Charter members of the Roller Society

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| 7) Robert Spilman, `45 | 27) Frank Spencer, `49 | 47) John Henderson, `69 |
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| 17) Noelle Nicholson | 37) Tommy Clements, `50 | 57) Hilton Roller Grasty |
| 18) Dr. John Morris, `49 * | 38) Garry Granger, `71 | 58) Al Zayas, `72 |
| 19) Jim Council, `49 | 39) Carroll Knicely, `46 | 59) YOUR NAME |
| 20) Bill Harris, `48 | 40) Jeff Schroeder, `67 | |

* Deceased



THE AMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS at the Virginia War Memorial during the board's fall meeting. L. to r., Luke Snyder, '60; Sergeant Don Studer; Treasurer John Hash, '75; Gary Nicholson, '70; Mac McInnis, '67; Al Zayas, '72; Norvell West, '83; Chaplain Frank Spencer, '49; Steve Trent, '70; Vice President Frank Williamson, '60; President Garry Granger, '71; George Holt, '60; Rod Willey, '51; Goodloe Saunders, '57; Bruce Orenstein, '69; Gordon Metz, '68; Secretary Clyde Ramsey, '49; Tom Simmons, '53; Jon Hatfield, Executive Director of the Memorial; alumnus visitor Cade Holliday, '48, Jay Fox, '53; and Duke Fancher, '58.

Collingwood from page 34

Now, they were safely on the ground and the bomb was no longer a threat. But Iwo Jima did not yet belong to the Marines and they hustled Collingwood and his crewmen off to a safe spot out of mortar and sniper range of the Japanese who continued to fight their hopeless battle.

At about 0900, the Marines had found enough gasoline to get the B-29 back to Guam. They would take along some of the crew from the plane which had crash landed in front of them, and they would have to take more small arms fire from the enemy when they lifted off Iwo's short fighter runway, but they made it off and headed for home. "We listened to our passengers tell of their harrowing experience," said Collingwood. "They had lost both of their outboard engines over the target - one to flak, and the other to fighters. Their landing gear had been damaged, and the hydraulic system was inoperative. Their electrical system was also out, and they had taken lots of damage from both flak and fighters. One of their crew, the CFC gunner had been wounded. They left him on Iwo. The Navy would care for his wounds and get him back to the hospital on Guam."

By early afternoon, the *Maximum Load* was back on Guam. Collingwood remembers that "It was an exceptionally quiet welcome. No one met the plane, not even our

crew chief. There was no shot of whiskey from the flight surgeon to counteract the effect of the Benzedrine - no doughnuts and coffee from the Salvation Army - and no rigorous interrogation by the intelligence officers. Not even a six-by-six to take us to the tent area... It had been almost 30 hours since we last had any sleep - we were an exhausted, disheveled and sweaty bunch - and we were hungry. But, by the time we got there - the cooks had finished serving lunch. In the last 19 hours, we had taken part in a major air mission over Tokyo, escaped with only minor damage, had seen at first-hand the ground war on Iwo Jima, thanks to the Marine Corps, and made it back to

Guam all in one piece. We were tired and ready to hit the sack. Tired, but grateful to be back at all." 🌐 🌐 🌐



A HOT AIR BALLOON ascends on an autumn morning near the AMA campus.

Not so easy riders

The continuing exploits of the Roller Riders

The Roller Riders rolled again with lots of fun on bikes before one of the machines suffered a locked wheel, throwing its rider off for a 250 foot slide down a steep, wet hill.

Mark Femrite, '72, Rick Smail, '67, Tom Forrer, '67, and Lewie Kennett, '72, participated in the fun outing in and near Staunton this past September.

The excitement came when Smail laid his bike down on his way to Pittsburgh from Charlottesville. Let him tell the story:

"I was on my way north and decided not to stick to the Interstate. Perhaps this was not the best choice since I was contending with a rainy day, but I wanted a more interesting trip. I headed west on Route 250 and I decided to take a shortcut just north of Philippi, WV. I was about a third of a mile short of the intersection with Route 50, coming down a steep hill at

250 feet, crossing the road as it slid through the turn, then hitting the

it hadn't encountered the guard rail.

"The biggest problem I have now is deciding the color of the replacement bike!"

Rick said that he was absolutely unhurt. *"You could have stripped me and searched head to toe without finding a single bruise," he says. "Not bad for sliding 250 feet on my back!"*

Rick, who lives in Park City, UT, is a Delta Airlines pilot, but likely has not had a more exciting ride than his trip down that rain-slicked West Virginia highway.

Are you interested in a Roller Rider outing? Get in touch with Rick, Mark, Tom or Lewie and make your plans.



TRAVELLING TRIO - Rick Smail, '67, Tom Forrer, '67, and Lewie Kennett, '72, with "the" bike. Rick had a mishap with it and it is now in the bike morgue waiting for an insurance company to declare it officially dead. Rick? He's OK, thankfully.



SAFE AT HOME - Bruce Kemp welcomes the Riders to her Charlottesville home. Seated, Lewie Kennett, '72, Bruce, and Mark Femrite, '72. Standing, Tom Forrer, '67, and Rick Smail, '67.

about 50 miles per hour in the rain.

"There was a right curve at the bottom of the hill and because of the rain, I decided to bleed off a little speed for the turn. When I applied the brakes, the front wheel locked and I was down before I could react. The bike slid in a straight line for about

guard rail so hard that my baggage in the tour pack burst and spilled out on the road.

"When the bike went down, I landed on my back and followed the bike down the road, sliding on my back. My helmet never touched the road: there were no marks on it. I was wearing leathers with a rain suit over. The rain suit is worn only in four or five places.

"A car came by a minute after the accident. I was already on my feet cleaning up the mess on the road. As he slowed to stop, both of his front tires also locked up when he applied his brakes. It really was slick!"

"I had the bike taken to a Harley dealer in Nutter Fork, WV (which is where my brother later picked me up). We went back to the accident site and paced off all the distances. The bike would have just been scratched up if



HAPPIER DAYS - Rick Smail with his bike before the accident which sent it to Harley Heaven.

Chuck Pine, '49, donates 1867 rifle

A Remington rifle, manufactured in 1867, just two years after the Civil War ended, has been donated to the AMA Museum by **Chuck Pine, '49**. This is the model rifle which we believe AMA cadets carried soon after military training was introduced by **Professor Roller** in 1879. Volunteers at the Museum are quite excited about Chuck's generous donation and are doing research on the weapon.

60 years ago, in 1944, 24 brave Augusta men
lost their lives in World War II
We salute and remember them with love and gratitude

1 JANUARY - SERGEANT BOMBARDIER
CHARLES REDGRAVE, '40, ROYAL
CANADIAN AIR FORCE, OVER BERLIN

EARLY FEBRUARY - 1LT SPOTTSWOOD
PRESTON, '32, USMC, KWAJALEIN ATOLL,
MARSHALL ISLANDS

22 FEBRUARY - 2LT BILL MONTGOMERY,
'29, ARMY AIR CORPS, OVER THE NORTH
SEA

7 MARCH - CAPTAIN WELDON TUTWILER,
'37, CHINESE NATIONAL AIR CORPS, OVER
THE HIMALAYAS

MID MARCH - LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
SPENCER WILSON, '34, USN, IN A SUB-
MARINE IN THE PACIFIC

2 APRIL - 2LT ALFRED ODOM, '38, ARMY
AIR CORPS, OVER AUSTRIA

12 MAY - CORPORAL DOUGLAS WATKINS,
'32, ARMY AIR CORPS, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

6 JUNE - LIEUTENANT COLONEL HUBERT
MATHEWS, '27, ON THE D-DAY BEACH AT
NORMANDY

20 JUNE - 1LT JAMES MCCLATCHEY, '38,
US ARMY, ST. MERE EGLISE, FRANCE

1 JULY - 2LT HARRY LEE SMITH, '39, US
ARMY, IN ITALY

4 JULY - 2LT ELBERT HAMILTON, '42,
82ND AIRBORNE, OF INJURIES RECEIVED IN
BATTLE OF NORMANDY

14 JULY - 1LT JOHN MACEY, '33, US
ARMY, IN ITALY

21 JULY - 1LT FERRIS WHARTON, '35,
USMC, ON GUAM

9 AUGUST - SERGEANT THOMAS BOWLING,
'26, US ARMY, AT ST. BARTHELMY,
FRANCE

28 AUGUST - ENSIGN PHILIP DERMODY,
'41, USN, AT MIAMI NAVAL AIR STATION

13 SEPTEMBER - PRIVATE CHARLES R.
HANES, '32, US ARMY, NEAR ALTA VILLA,
ITALY

29 SEPTEMBER - PFC RUFUS A.
MCIPHERSON, '41, US ARMY, ON ANGUAR
ISLAND, PALAU ISLANDS

12 OCTOBER - SERGEANT MATT RANSOM,
'42, ARMY AIR CORPS, NEAR LINCOLN-
SHIRE, ENGLAND

1 NOVEMBER - SERGEANT LARRY STONE,
'37, US ARMY, OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN
GERMANY

25 NOVEMBER - PRIVATE THOMAS MOORE,
'31, US ARMY, OF WOUNDS RECEIVED NEAR
HIESTERN, GERMANY

4 DECEMBER - PFC DONALD HIGGINS, '43,
US ARMY, EUROPEAN THEATER

10 DECEMBER - 2LT ROBERT AST, '38, US
ARMY, NEAR VOSSENACK, GERMANY

25 DECEMBER - SERGEANT CLAUDE
BRADLEY, '43, US ARMY, WHEN HIS
TROOPSHIP WAS SUNK IN THE ENGLISH
CHANNEL

26 DECEMBER - TECHNICAL SERGEANT
STEVE VIDNOVIC, '42, US ARMY, NEAR
VERDENNE, BELGIUM, IN BATTLE OF THE
BULGE

God bless them,
every one

Tommy Clements, '50, recalls a great five years at Augusta

I remember leaving my home in Birmingham on September 18 of 1945 for the first time. I was going off to a school I'd only heard of from a friend who went to AMA a year earlier, a friend I have never seen since. I traveled by the Southern Railway on "the Sweat Queen" from Birmingham through Georgia, Bristol, Charlottesville, then finally to Staunton. I was hungry and sleepless in a coach car filled with GI's, girls going off to college, a few drunks, and the train rocking on wavy rails.

When I stepped off the train, it was cold, rainy, strange, surreal. How was I going to get to AMA? For a long time, I didn't see anyone. Then the school bus came up to the lot on two wheels, stopped, and the driver announced, "All for AMA. Let's go!" I had never had a worse bus ride in my life, believing we were going to wreck at every turn. The driver: **Paul Bratton!**

Well, we made it. I got off the bus in front of Big Barracks and immediately met **Colonel Louisell**. Some cadet (I do not remember who) showed me around Big Barracks before taking me to the CW Barracks where I got smacked on the butt with a sabre as a reminder that I was a nothing in the eyes of the lieutenant who popped me. I was told that I was to look forward to many such activities, including the use of brooms and coat hangers. I felt very low at that point. Then, I finally got to meet my roommates in the CW

Barracks (**Crosby, Pittman, Philhower**). Philhower and Pittman played football and were CW's as well. **Captain Fontaine** was head of Mess Hall and he was everyone's hero, very colorful and strict with us. But I enjoyed my time with him as a CW all the way through until I was Captain of Headquarters Company — twice! I never had a collision with Captain Fontaine although we had heated discussions as to the responsibilities of the football players who were CWs. More on that later.

My freshman, sophomore and junior years are pretty much a blur.

I did about the same as all cadets did. Got demerits (stuck), shoveled coal, marched off reports, dated on weekends at Mary Baldwin and Stuart Hall. I went to dances at both and enjoyed many female companions. My freshman year ended on a sour note when a scumbag cadet popped one of our CW officers in front of his mother. I felt bad for the officer (the guy who hit him

was a returning veteran. Hope he got his later in life.)

In 1949, after many trials and tribulations and learning to get along with all types of people not necessarily of my choosing, I became company commander of Headquarters Company. We had a very good company composed of good cadets, athletes, and non-athletes.

We did all the things CW's were supposed to do: the scrubbing squad used lye on the floors with water and brooms. We marched in all the parades, climbed the hill for church on Sunday, sang *Brighten the Corner* a million times at YMCA with **Mrs. Robinson**, hiked to Bald Rock with other cadets, headed to the apple orchard and picked apples (we were supposed to get them off the ground, but those on the trees were better), located a cider mill, brought several gallons back, put it under the barracks to ferment, only to have it turn to vinegar.

Tennis team

I had many fine times playing tennis. Talked **John Mackey** into playing on the team since he was such a good athlete (basketball). He is still a super tennis player! When I was captain of the tennis team, under the very strict guidance of **Lieutenant Clint Bales** (hey, hey), we took some very good trips to tournaments (usually with the baseball team which also played whoever we were playing). We had **Art Scrivenor, Ramsauer, Bill Ault, Benito Chang, Bob Hantsch, Frank Pilley, Roger Messick and Luttrell**.

That was the year we (the others in the group shall remain anonymous) went on a drinking spree, got drunk, got in trouble, and had a court martial. I couldn't defend myself properly without involving others and giving their names which I refused to do. There were seven of us involved (including two females), but I would not point them out. So, I got busted back to private and confined to the AMA campus for Spring Break. I painted every mile of fence with white-wash, worked the Roller farm, killed chickens, and planted flowers for **Mrs. Roller**. It was a very emotional time, to say the least.

When that year finally was over, I decided to come back and keep a promise I had made to **Colonel Roller**. That promise was to return, stay clear of trouble, invest in myself and AMA, to be a leader, and set an example for those in my company if I got it back. I kept that promise and became Captain of



**Captain Fontaine,
Post Steward
1950 Recall**



**Tommy Clements,
1950 Recall**

Headquarters Company again, with a new outlook and a new lease on cadet life. In September of the 1949, I met with the Big Boy who told me that girls were going to be my downfall if I wasn't careful, and to start thinking with my brain instead of with my... normal(?) approach to life. He told me that Mrs. Roller was on my side, and that had influenced his decision to lean towards me. I hope and pray that I fulfilled that promise to straighten up and fly right (might be a good title for a song!).

So many Cadet Waiters were so very much part of the excellence that Headquarters Company delivered that year. I had in my company so many good people who made me look good without my having to do anything except just be there. My very good friend and roommate, **1st Lieutenant Buddy Harwood**, the late **Billy Guthrie, Anderson, Huff** and two platoons of great guys. Pilley was one of the best of all CW's, smarter than most as he proved by keeping out of harm's way from troublemakers, and we had a few. I remember the late **Ken Moran** as he was all too good to everyone he knew. I still must write his family to tell them what a grand person he was, in the Mess Hall, on the parade ground, or wherever he was. I felt a big loss in his not being with us anymore, but I know that the type of person he was and I am sure that he didn't back down from the military mission that cost him his life.

A run-in with Coach Chapman

I have to mention here, and nobody knows this until now, that I ran into **Coach Buck Chapman** at the Hazel's Restaurant in Verona. He knew that I was to be Captain of Headquarters Company that year and he told me that I was going to have to give the football players extra time because they were practicing late in the afternoon, which meant that the other CW's were going to have to pick up their slack. He tried to intimidate me into going with the flow, but I remembered my promise to Colonel Roller to do the right thing. I told Coach Chapman that the football players were CW's first in my mind, and football players after that. He called me to the parking lot and began to read the "hells orders" to me. I replied that if Colonel Roller wanted that order of football first, CW's second, well... I had to hear it from the Big Boy first. He called me disloyal to the school with no pride, and that I was out on a log by myself. I told **Coach Mike Cooley** of the situation and he told me not to give it another thought. I never again felt that intimidation was the way to handle any problem.

Headquarters Company had some of the finest football players that came down the pike. Most had already finished high school, some having been in the big war, and most of them were at AMA to get football scholarships to college. My favorites, besides my roommate Billy Guthrie, were **Alex Kozma, Pud Constantino, Miles Willard, Dan Tassotti, Jernigan, Bradley, Detwiler** and my all time favorite **Dick Nolan**. Most of these went on to play college ball (Nolan to Maryland, then to the Giants; Constantino to Miami, and Tassotti to Miami, I think, Willard to Kentucky, Guthrie to South Carolina, so many more I can't remember: a senior moment).

Dick became head coach for the 49'ers, then to New Orleans where he did them the best that ever happened to them until he took the responsibility of benching the number

one running back in the league for coming to practice high on drugs, etc. (Chuck Muncie, that is). When Dick did that, the "mouth" of the Saints players told him if he benched Muncie, then the players would walk out on him. The mouth (Wes Chandler) spoke. The players laid down and Dick didn't win another game. Fired he was replaced by Bum Phillips. (Funny thing, Bum had been there just one week when Chuck Muncie and Wes Chandler, for some reason, got traded).

Girl friends came to Sunday Parades

We all loved the parades on Sunday, got to see our parents and girlfriends; social deals were great. The trips into Staunton were always good, like being back home for the movies and food. One of my mentors and very good friend was **Bobby Rhea**, the epitome of a good cadet. He was one of the very few who didn't bust my tail when I was a new cadet (I'm sorry, I forgot that there was no hazing). Bobby was always up front.

I had many other good friends, and I wish I could name them all. The late **Buz Fifer, Les Fifer, Mo Fontaine, Jack McKenna, the Click Brothers, Alan Pearson** (where is he?), **Otto Cuervo, Bud Hargrave**, friend of a great love of mine in the past. **Bill Paxton, Bob Bradford**, (the best of all cadets in leadership and school spirit; always doing the best for AMA, and still does. I lived with his grandmother in Blacksburg while attending Virginia Tech. I couldn't keep up with my studies there while working at a restaurant three meals a day, so I transferred to Alabama where I could afford the tuition).

Dick Young and I were in Roller Rifles (Dick was commander, I was the exec). We had lots of good times in Richmond, and especially at the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester. **Art Cohen** and I became good friends, and we got chewed out by the Big Boy several times. I think Dick Young caught some of the heat too.

Jimmie McDowell was one of my favorite CW's along with **Harold Chow** from Hawaii, **Huff, Bob Lowenbach, Hoyle Miller, Trillo, Al Wattay, the Pappas Brothers, Chuck Pine, Dog Brown, Meb Turner, Wilding, Withers**, the **Penny Brothers, Clyde Ramsey**, and on and on. I know I haven't mentioned all of my AMA friends and I apologize for that.



Thomas H. Clements came to AMA from Birmingham. Twice Captain of Headquarters Company, he was captain of the AMA tennis team, the Executive Officer of the Roller Rifles, Vice President of the Student Body, and President of the Cotillion Club. His fellow cadets voted him Best Dancer, Best Looking Cadet, and one of the three Most Popular Cadets in the Corps.

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Every day a National Geographic Special

Tonie and Shawn Ogimachi, '77, plan annual boating trip to Inside Passage

They leave home in mid-June and stay at sea until mid-August. They live on their boat and cover a thousand miles roundtrip. They follow bears walking the shoreline and "get close enough to smell the breath of whales."

Since 2002, Tonie and **Shawn Ogimachi, '77**, travel the Inside Passage, a coastal route from Seattle to Ketchikan, Alaska; on one side, the coast and on the other, forested islands. Never far from land, Ogi and Tonie are "sea gypsies" for two months each year.

"Time is measured by tides; darkness lasts for only three or four hours, the constant flood and ebb of the tides is like the heartbeat of the earth," says Ogi. "We feel so special to experience this the way that we do"

Shawn is a career counselor at Cabrillo College in Aptos, CA and a lecturer in the College of Education at San Jose State University. Tonie is a bilingual elementary school teacher. The Ogimachis live in Santa Cruz.

In 2002, they departed from Port Townsend, Washington and in 2003 from Port Hardy on Vancouver Island in, British Columbia. Their vessel, the *Tonie O*, is a 22-foot C-Dory cruiser with twin four-stroke 40 horsepower Honda engines. "Our boat is too small for passengers. We live to take these trips and enjoy each other's company," he says. They even take along a mini harp so that Tonie can keep her fingers in shape.

Tonie and Ogi had to learn a lot about tides, radar, navigation, anchoring, currents and other skills necessary to safety on the water, "and we are still learning... constantly on the



Tonie, above, and Ogi, right, doing what they like to do best!



learning curve." When they touch land, their charts go with them and they befriend local fishermen who mark passages that are safe and suggest anchorages they can investigate. "We get close enough to smell the breath of whales... we retrieve small icebergs for our cooler, we follow bears walking a shoreline, catch and release salmon, and feed bald eagles our extra fish."

The pair pulls into remote Indian

villages and they watch as glaciers calf into the ocean. Says Ogi, "Every day is a National Geographic Special and we are blessed to go and come as we please. Southeast Alaska is so immense and one would need to live another life to see it all." Tonie really has the "bug" and thinks this may be a way of life for her. Ogi says, "We are planning our third trip this summer and have places marked on our charts we have not yet seen and some we want to see again."

If the trip goes off as planned, the Ogimachis and Tonie's harp will leave on the *Tonie O* in mid-June to further explore the Icy Straights at the entrance to Glacier Bay and the western areas where the humpback whales swim into the Inside Passage from the Pacific. Says Ogi, "In our increasingly fast paced and hectic world, it is like a trip through time to the ice age and the days of the hunter gathering societies that marked most of human existence on earth. It is hard to describe the experience in words."



The *Tonie O*, above, in amongst the icebergs, below.



SPECIAL SHIRT - How do you get one of these? Read B.J. d'Orsay's story on pages 47-48.



Shawn "Ogi" Ogimachi, 1975 Recall



COLONEL HOOVER gives aid and comfort to one of the several sports teams he coached.



MAJOR BLACKBURN was the PMS&T at AMA just after World War II. Obviously, the Big Boy had not yet expressed his opinions on the evils of cigarettes, a.k.a., rattlesnakes.

FACULTY FACES

**THE WAY WE
REMEMBER THEM**



CAPTAIN RALPH, above, taught history and civics and coached football. Below, **COLONEL CY McCUE**, physics and math teacher.



COLONEL MANNASMITH supervises a clean-up day.



COLONEL SAVEDGE with his ever present camera. When Doc passed away suddenly, all of the negatives and prints that he had made over the years were lost.



COLONEL KOOGLER and **COLONEL LUCUS** in 1973, below.



COLONEL LIVICK congratulates **COLONEL DEANE** on Deane's retirement.



A week in Fort Defiance

Memoir of a museum volunteer

By B. J. d'Orsay, '70

For years, I had spent an hour or so each year touring the museum as part of a reunion weekend. It was great to move from display to display and allow each of them to bring those long-forgotten memories to the front of my consciousness. But what I finally figured out was that an hour is hardly enough time to fully view, and absorb all of the information presented by the AMA museum displays.

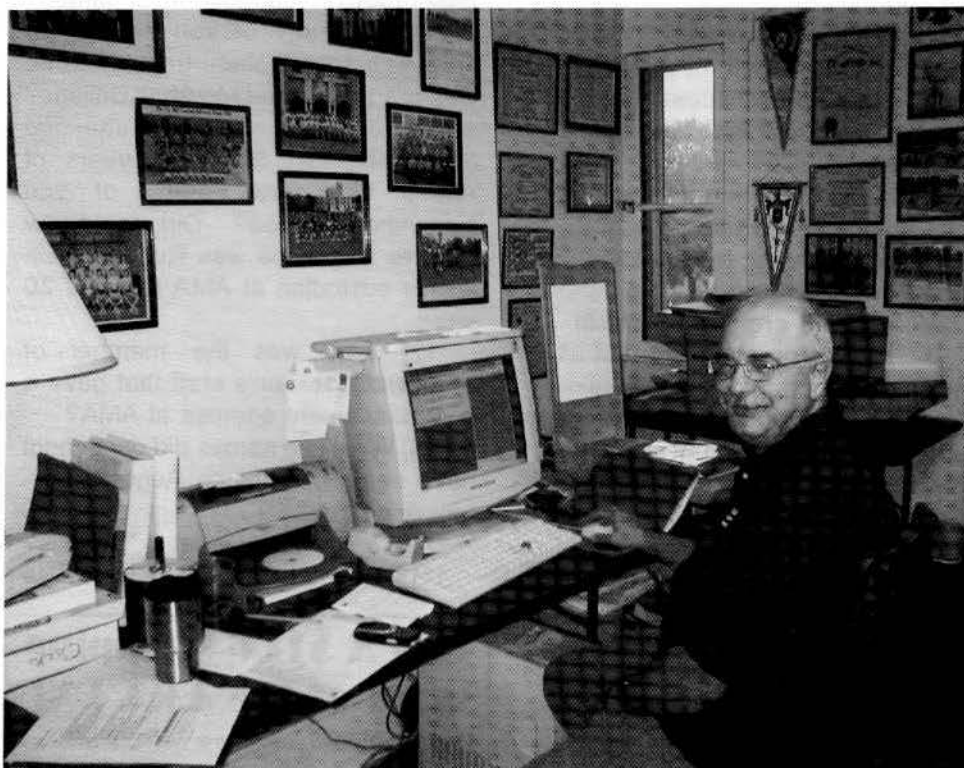
This past September, I decided to drive to Fort Defiance and spend a full week at the Museum. My commitment to the project was not without its costs and risks. During those nine days, I drove a total of more than 3,200 miles in 4 driving days, and spent the night within 50 miles of the direct path of Hurricane Isabel as she came ashore on Thursday. This week was also not without its extreme rewards. The local group of museum volunteers went all out to extend to me the warmest of welcomes and hospitality. I used to think that Texas has the friendliest folk on God's green earth, but I am now quick to include Virginians in that group.

What I am about to tell you is the result of this week of discovery and awe. Let me start at the end. The last day I was at the museum, I spent several hours just counting things (it was Friday, day after the hurricane, no power, and here I am with a flashlight going from display to display with my notebook and digital camera), and here's what I came up with.

So much to see

Downstairs, available for public viewing, there are:

- + 25 flags and pendants
- + 22 uniforms and jackets from as early as 1892
- + 262 photographs
- + nine printed brochures available for visitors to take with them. These brochures are specific to the AMA Alumni House/Museum and were produced entirely by the Museum volunteers. Included are:



HARD AT WORK - B.J. d'Orsay, '71, hard at work in the museum archival research center, a.k.a., the kitchen.

- + Maggie Belle's Parlor
- + Commandants Demerits Book from 1893 - 1894
- + Alumni House/Museum
- + Roller Society
- + Pearl Harbor essay by a 1999 AMA Legacy Scholarship recipient
- + AMA salutes its veterans of WWII
- + *Bayonet*
- + In the beginning ... a history of **Charles Summerville Roller**, founder of AMA.
- + The PX catalog
- + 24 three-ring binders of reference information compiled from the original sources, again, entirely by museum volunteers.
- + 93 informational placards as part of displays. These are in addition to the ordinary labels identifying objects, their donors, dates, etc. In all, there are 312 labels/signs used to identify and describe over 600 individual items on display on the first floor.
- + 39 trophies

- + Eight swords
- + 45 artifacts found during the renovation of the museum
- + 95 original WWII artifacts directly related to AMA alumni.
- + Four rifles used by cadets during various times of AMA's history
- + Two full sets of *Recalls* available for visitors to browse
- ...and, oh yes, there is a fully stocked PX. I am the VERY PROUD owner of an AMA shirt not available for purchase, the AMA Museum Volunteer shirt.

Upstairs

Upstairs, not open to the public, but available to volunteers, there are additional items, some on display and many, many more in storage:

- + 110 trophies
- + Five swords
- + 23 award plaques
- + A Mickey Gordon Tribute wall and display table
- + Eight memorial plaques recovered

from the campus

The storage room is about 10 x 12 feet (just an estimate on my part, I did not measure it) and contains probably thousands of donated artifacts that are not currently on display.

The upstairs areas also contain:

- + Four work areas for the museum researchers and volunteer curators
- + the main administrative office of the museum
- + a board room that serves double duty as a large work room
- + and, of course, the kitchen/break room

Volunteers created museum

The renovation contractor did all of the actual construction on the building. But it took the museum volunteers to turn the building into a museum. Everything you see, downstairs and upstairs, is the result of someone's volunteer efforts.

Remember that I wrote earlier of spending an hour or so every year walking the displays? At the end of this week, I asked myself, *"How could anyone possibly see and absorb everything there is to offer at the museum in a week, much less a day or an hour?"*

Those of you who have spent time in the museum, and especially those who have never visited, should find these questions very interesting.

The answers to all of these questions can be found in the public section of the museum:

*1] What is a "blood chit" jacket? It could mean the difference between life and death for a person serving in China in World War II.

2] Does anyone know how the Flying Tigers got their name?

3] Ever heard of a paratroopers cricket? Or seen one?

4] We are all familiar with the Shako. But have you ever seen a white with blue trim Band Major's Shako worn at AMA?

5] Have you ever touched an elephant's tusk?

6] How about a Civil War era bugle that has AMA imprinted on it?

7] Many of us may have been entered into the demerits book, but how many of us have seen the book? How about the 1893-1894 demerits book?

8] Who was the first AMA graduate

to attend a U.S. Service Academy? His photograph and biography are on display.

*9] Who is this woman, **Maggie Belle Roller Robinson**, for whom the parlor room in the museum is named?

10] Have any of you seen **Paul Hoover's** school photo from when he was at Franklin and Marshall College?

11] For those of us who attended during the last 30 or 40 years of AMA's time, how many of you remember Roscoe? Did you know that his last name was Rubush? He was a custodian at AMA for over 30 years.

*12] Who was the member of Stonewall Jackson's staff that gave a commencement address at AMA?

*13] What two names did our school have before it became Augusta Military Academy?

14] Do you know what a "kepi" is?

15] Did you know our school was

not always a military school?

16] Have you read the Pulitzer Prize winning book that was written by an AMA alumnus?

17] Do you know that an AMA alumnus spent part of his youth in a Nazi concentration camp?

18] What do you know about Ernest Hemingway's relationship with an AMA alumnus?

19] Do you know that while serving in the White House a United States President visited AMA?

20] Have you ever seen a German POW dog tag?

21] Did you know an AMA alumnus is a prize-winning sports columnist and one of the most prolific sports writers in the country?

*22] What is the name of the AMA teacher who was a national Journalism Teacher of the Year?

23] Have you ever held a World War One helmet and gas mask?

24] Did you know an AMA alumnus was a U. S. team boxer in the Paris Olympic Games?

About half of these questions were sent to me by another volunteer who was editing this page for me. And you know what?

I thought I had gone through the museum with a fine tooth comb, but I missed most of the questions he sent me. That's HOW MUCH there is to see and experience at the museum!

And don't forget the visitors.

The Tuesday I was there, the museum was host to a group of home school students and their parents. They spend several hours touring the museum, viewing displays, asking hundreds of questions, and learning what it might have been like to be a cadet at AMA. I was not their guide that day, but I kept running into them as I was doing my research. I was wearing my "Bob the Tomato" Veggie Tales t-shirt. One of the youngsters, a little boy maybe 4 or 5 years old, and generally bored with the whole museum thing, saw me walk through and tugged at his mom's shirt, saying "Mom, Bob's here, Bob's here!" I moved on with my research, and for about a half hour I could hear this little guy, "Mom, Bob's here!"

So what are you waiting for? Get to the museum! Earn that volunteer shirt!

WIN A \$100 Shopping spree at the AMA PX!

Do you think you know all there is to know about your AMA Museum? In B.J.'s story, above, he proposed a number of questions. Can you answer some of them? Just the ones with the * before the number.

1] What is a blood chit jacket?

9] Who was **Maggie Belle Roller Robinson**?

12] Who was the member of Stonewall Jackson's staff who delivered an AMA commencement address?

13] What two names did our school have before it became the Augusta Military Academy?

22] Name the AMA teacher who was National Journalism Teacher of the Year.

Answer these five questions correctly and you will win a \$100 credit at the AMA PX where you can select from dozens of AMA items that can be found nowhere else. Mail your answers to: *The Bayonet*, 529 Justin Morgan Drive, Alamo, CA 94507. FAX 925/855-7342. E-mail: AMABayonet@aol.com. First with the most correct answers win. Editor's decision is final.

From Roger Messick, '52

First Captain recalls his scary second day as an AMA cadet

One day stands out in my log of AMA memories because it occurred on my second day at Augusta. You have to understand that I was brand new, a new cadet having to eat squared off meals, squaring corners while clicking my heels, and literally being petrified of upper classmen who were making my life miserable with endless trips to the PX. In fact, I was so intimidated that I hated to leave my room to go to the toilet, and my first night was totally without sleep as I dreaded what would happen in the morning. When morning finally did arrive, all I knew for sure was that I wanted to get the hell out of this place!

After a breakfast that tasted like cotton and a room inspection I failed to pass, the Cadet Corps was marched to the Big Room for the traditional opening day indoctrination. I was seated somewhere in the left rear trying very hard to comprehend all the instructions from the **First Captain John Morris**, but my eyes were heavy, my stomach was growling, and because I was unaccustomed to wearing a tie, my head was beating like a drum. Suddenly, without warning, the back doors of the Big Room opened and Captain Morris called the room to attention. Then, without looking either left or right, **Colonel Roller** marched down the center aisle and ascended the stage. I knew that God had arrived!

Looking at the Corps with more of a glare than a look, the Big Boy nodded to Captain Morris who commanded us to take our seats. The Colonel then began to talk and talk and talk, and once again my eyes got heavy and my thoughts returned to escaping from this place, a place to which my parents had happily abandoned me to endure.

Instructions on how to do this, and advice on how to do that seemed to go on forever. But then, the Colonel gave an example of how cadets should report to his office. He said that we should stand outside his door until acknowledged, remove our hats, enter, and say, "Sir, Cadet Messick reporting as ordered."

Cadet Messick?

Cadet Messick? When I heard my name, it was like being struck by lightning, or at least getting an electric shock that sent chills up and down my spine. Why, with 400 cadets in the room, had he chosen my name for the example? Sud-



**Roger the Rat
1949 Recall**



**Battalion Commander, '51-'52
1952 Recall**

denly, I was wide awake, there was a wet spot in my itchy gray pants, and my knees shook out of control. After his example of how to enter his office, the Colonel went on to other subjects without missing a beat while my heart was missing lots of beats!

Back at Big Barracks, my roommate, **Archie Crawford**, a second year man, said, "You had better look out. The Colonel knows your name!"

But Archie was wrong. I cannot remember a single encounter with Colonel Roller during my entire freshman year.

Roger became First Captain himself in his senior year and went to Colonel Roller to ask for, and get, the elimination of the rat system at AMA.

Roger was Commander of the Roller Rifles, Vice President of the Student Body, a leader of the Cotillion Club, and a star on both the lacrosse and swim teams. In the 1952 Recall, his fellow cadets named him in nine categories: Most Popular, Most Military, Best Athlete, Done Most for the School, Best Commissioned Officer, Best Dressed, Politest Cadet, Neatest Cadet, and Biggest Ladies Man.

After AMA, he attended the University of Kentucky where he set many swimming records and was the Battalion Commander of the UK Corps of Cadets his senior year.

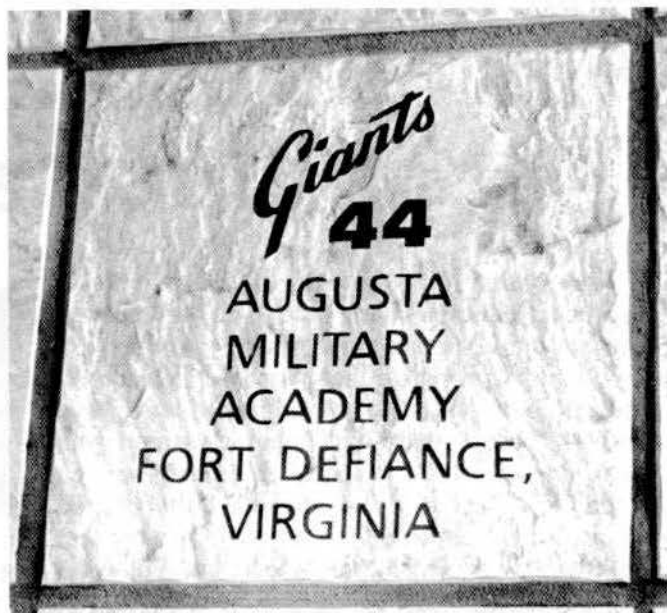
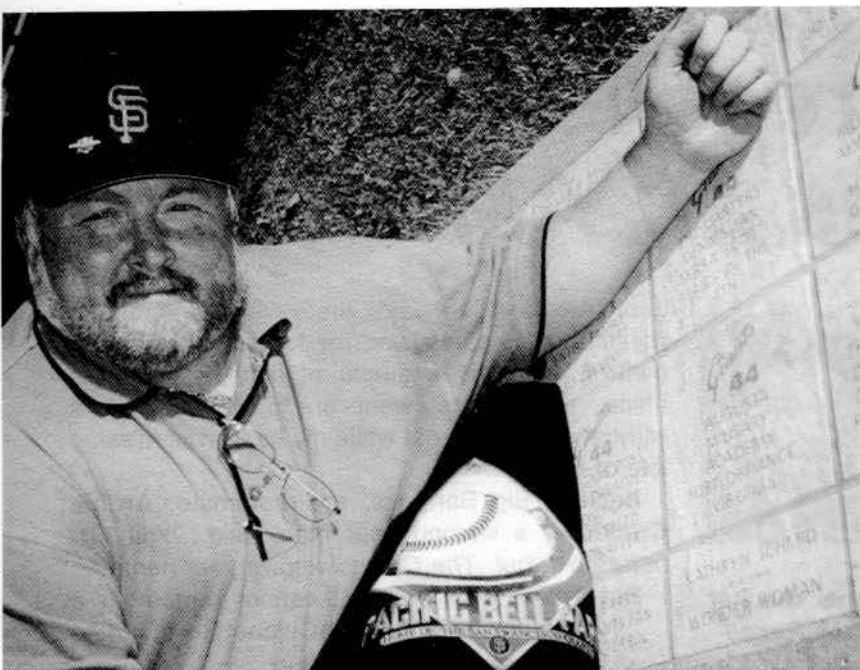
After two tours in Vietnam as a chopper commander/pilot, Roger went on to fly corporate jets, retiring in 1995 as the Manager of Flight Operations for General Electric. He and Jean live in Prescott, Arizona.



Mystery fencers

In the Fall 2003 issue of *The Bayonet*, we ran this photo of a father and son in fencing attire at Reunion 2004. The father at left is **Scott Leavel, '78**, and the son is Morgan-Taylor Leavel.

Thanks to Julie Leavel for identifying them.



WAY OUT WEST - AMA Alumni Association President Garry Granger, '71, paid a visit to the San Francisco Giants' baseball stadium in the early fall and found that AMA was remembered 3,000 miles from Fort Defiance. In Willie McCovey Park, named for the great Giants player, are pavers with Willie's number - 44 - and one engraved with: AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY, FORT DEFIANCE, VIRGINIA. Sweet!

Custom AMA rosters available

You can have a custom roster of AMA alumni from a specific class or classes, or the names of all AMA alumni in a given state or states.

AMA's Keeper of the Rolls, **Ed Click**, '50, says that he can produce such rosters "for a fee of five dollars per search, made payable to the AMA Alumni Foundation."

Ed is able to provide the names of all alumni from your class and the adjacent classes for \$5 per search. Or maybe you would like a list of all AMA alumni for whom we have addresses for a given state or states. Get in touch with Ed for any special request.

E-mail: gramps02@juno.com, or at: 23 Hickory Nut Lane, Staunton, VA 24401. Thanks so much, Edwin!

All proceeds go to the AMA Alumni Foundation.

ON THE MARCH - A group of VMI cadets paused to rest at AMA on their 85-mile march from Lexington to New Market, duplicating the route the Keydets took in 1863 to participate in the Civil War Battle of New Market.

The VMI boys got to AMA on a bright September day, but the day before they had marched through an unforgiving, pelting rain.

AMA is near the halfway mark of the hike up the Valley Pike from VMI to the battlefield.



Internship at Museum filled by Bridgewater College senior

A Bridgewater College senior is the first recipient of a 120 hour internship at the AMA Museum.

Kim Adkins of Chatham, VA is now working at the museum where she will concentrate on small museum management. She is expected to be involved in all areas of staffing, security, visitor accommodation, accession and acquisition procedures, according to the Museum Director **Duke Fancher, '58**. "Kim will be in a work environment and will not simply observe," he says.



Kim Adkins

After graduating from BC, Kim plans to get her Masters in history at the College of William and Mary,

James Madison or Old Dominion University, then hopes to earn a Phd so that she can either teach history or work in museum studies or library science. She has been on the Dean's List at Bridgewater from 2000 to the present date and is the Marshall Scholar for 2003-2004. She has worked at the Alexander Mack Memorial Library and the Reuel B. Pritchett Museum on the college campus.

She will be expected to work independently though she will have daily supervision. The work schedule will be made to conform with her classroom demands. Kim's duties will include display/exhibit development, appraisal and insurance requirements, publicity, advertising, community relations, and student field trips and tours, says Fancher.

Selection of the student for the internship was made jointly by the Bridgewater Office of Career Services and Fancher as Director of the AMA Museum. Students interested in the internship at AMA in future years should apply through their college's career planning or intern office.

AMA Memories at Alumni House

The memories of many Augusta cadets are now in a three-ring binder at the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

B. J. d'Orsay, '70, AMA's web-master, and long distance volunteer **Bob Guggenheimer, '43**, who lives in Spain, have been collecting remembrances from AMA alumni over the internet. Guggenheimer volunteered to contact alumni and d'Orsay is putting what is collected on the AMA website.

Museum Director **Duke Fancher, '58**, says that the write-ups have been organized in the notebook by decade. "We are getting new stories and recollections every week," he says, "and eventually we likely will have to index the book."

Visiting alumni often pour through the binder, front to back, while some only look for stories from their era. Memories may also be seen in their entirety on the AMA webpage (www.AMAAlumni.org) and excerpts are being printed in each issue of *The Bayonet*.

If you haven't committed your AMA memories to paper yet, start doing that now.

You'll be very glad you did. So will your kids.



TRES CUBANOS - Meeting at the Los Ranchos Restaurant in Bayside (downtown Miami), three alumni began plans for a Southern Florida arm of the AMA Alumni Association. Pictured above are Manuel Balbis, '53, Ozzie "Coyote" Ferro, '53, and Jorge Roviroso, '70. They hope to arrange a lunch for alumni who live in Dade and Broward Counties to raise money for AMA scholarships and to promote attendance at AMA reunions.

Some Recalls still available

The AMA Alumni House has a huge collection of AMA *Recalls*, some dating back to the early 1900's. We strive to have two copies of each issue for display in the AMA Museum, and one copy to be used for research.

In some cases, we have more than three copies of certain yearbooks. We are delighted to make available to alumni, on a first come, first served basis, any extra copies that we have. (Very few of the books are in mint condition and some are in pretty poor condition.)

We suggest a donation of \$50 to the AMA Alumni Foundation for each *Recall* obtained.

Interested? Then, phone the Alumni House at 540/248-3007, or e-mail: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com, to see if a copy of your yearbook is available.

Any contribution to the AMA Alumni Foundation is tax deductible, by the way.

Your trash – their treasure

Now is the time to look in your garage – your attic – your store room for things which are no longer valuable to you, but which may be a treasure to someone else. "These are the things we need for the Silent Auction at Reunion 2004," says Auction Chairman **Dave Conrad, '59**.

Antiques, near antiques, collectibles, crafts such as quilts, bird houses and the like, stamp or coin collections. Things that once were important to you but now are only taking up space. Gather them up and bring them to the **Registration Room at the Holiday Inn when you get to the reunion.**

Then, watch them turn into **BIG BUCKS** for AMA!

Class ring found

The Fellowship of the Ring

It began when Sydma Hatzopoulos sent an e-mail to **Bill Scarborough, '69**, asking if he knew **Ernest "Al" Martin, '70**. Her brother had passed away. The family owned the Lido Inn, a Norfolk restaurant, and in his personal effects, a ring had been discovered. Not just any ring, but a Class of '70 AMA class ring with the name Ernest Allen Martin engraved inside.

Ms. Hatzopoulos then found Scarborough's name and dispatched an e-mail to him to see if he knew Martin. Bill had to tell her that Martin was one of the missing, not having been on the AMA mailing list for many years.

In the meantime, she had returned home to Bethany, West Virginia and once there, she decided to call information and check the Norfolk directory for Ernest Martin. There was just one Ernest Martin with no middle initial, so she dialed his number.

He picks up the story from there:



**Al Martin,
1970 Recall**

"When Sydma asked if my name was Ernest Allen Martin, she immediately said, 'Don't hang up! I'm not trying to sell anything.' She first asked if I had attended the Augusta Military Academy... and then she told me that she had my class ring... I cannot believe the trouble she went to to track me down... It renewed my faith in the human race and I had to sit down and cry a little."

Al lost the ring in 1973 when he had put it in the accessory box of his pedal steel guitar case. The guitar and case were stolen later that night. Years later, when the Lido Inn was being renovated, the ring was found and placed in a safe together with other "lost and found" items. And there it was when Sydma Hatzopoulos found it in 2003. Thanks to her, Al has his ring back after 30 years and we have Al back on our mailing list.



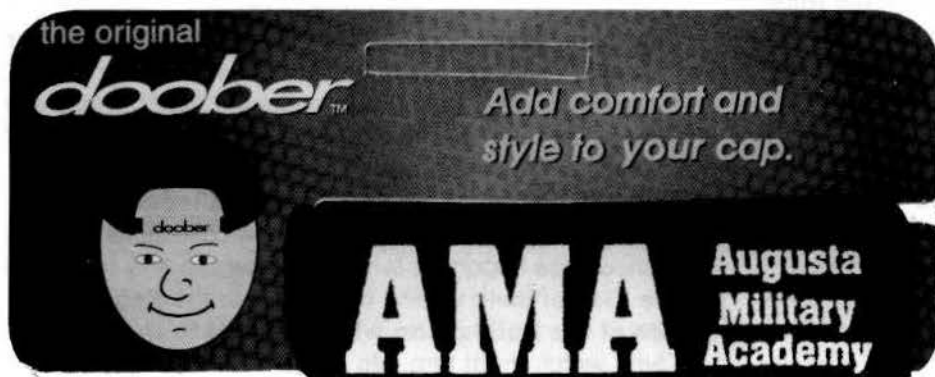
THIRTY YEARS AGO - It is 1974, and AMA has its lacrosse team in mortal combat with an athletic rival. Can you tell us who the AMA lacrosse player is in this picture?



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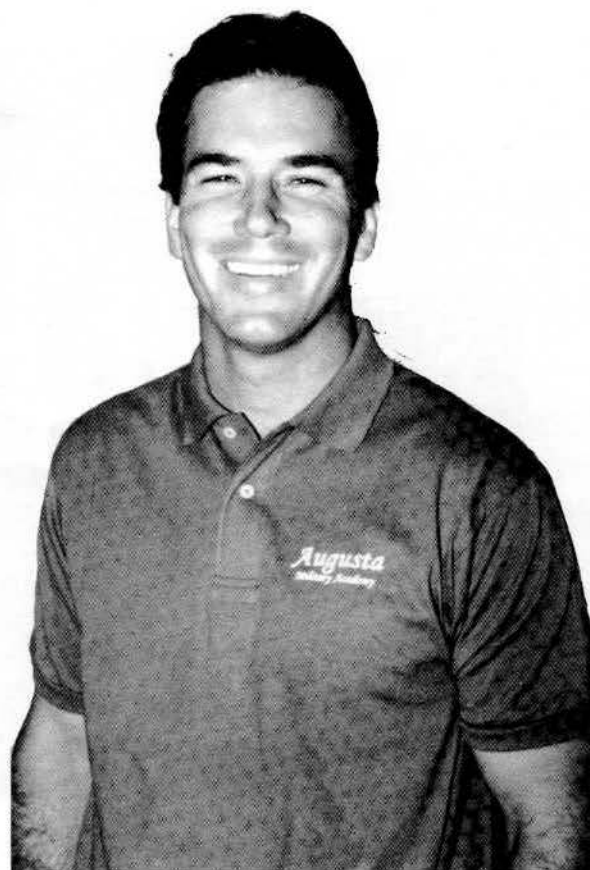
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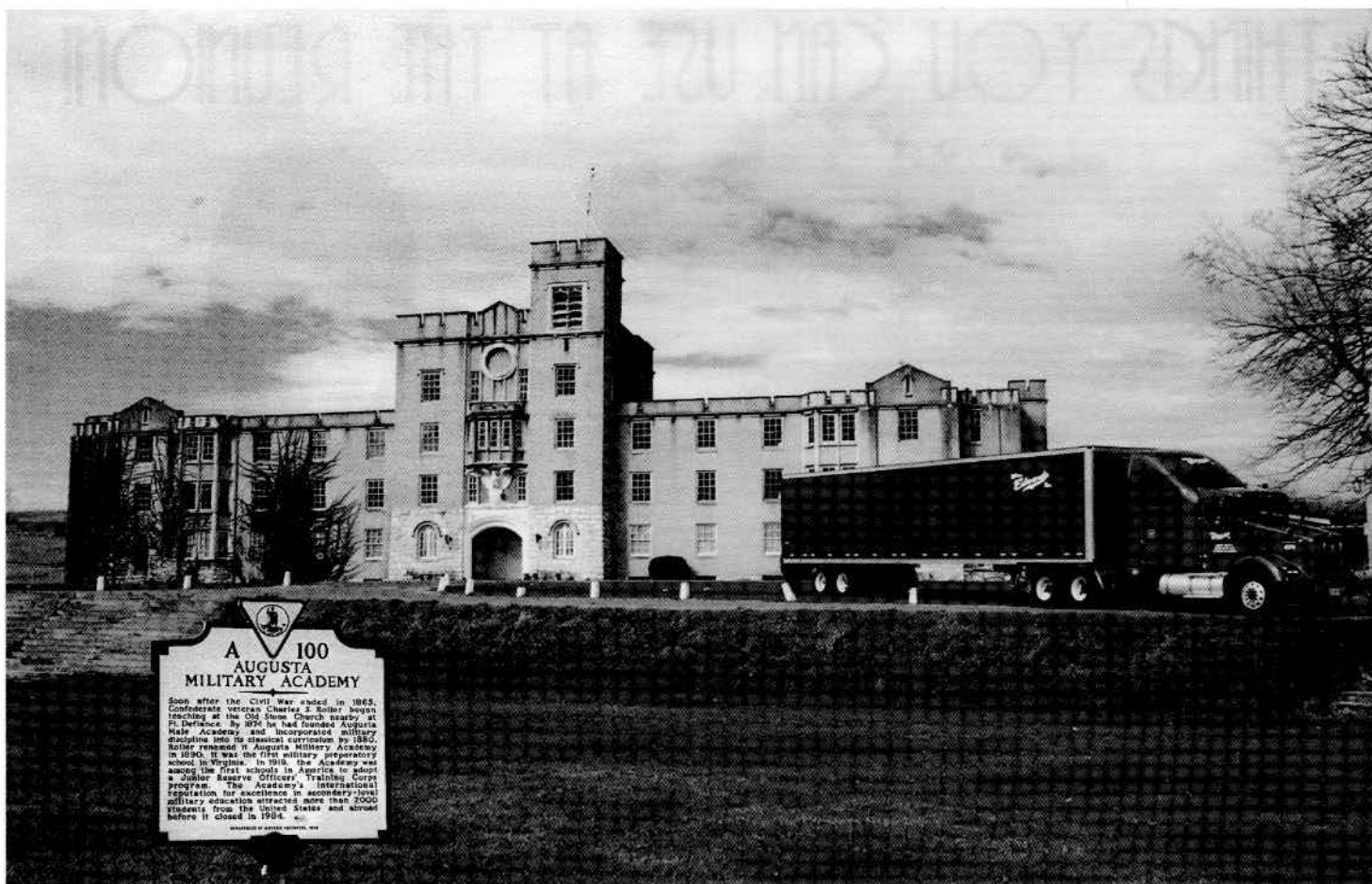
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**A 100
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MILITARY ACADEMY**

Soon after the Civil War ended in 1865, Confederate veteran Charles S. Rollier began teaching at the Old Stone Church nearby at Ft. Defiance. By 1874 he had founded Augusta Male Academy and incorporated military discipline into its classical curriculum by 1880. Rollier renamed it Augusta Military Academy in 1890. It was the first military preparatory school in Virginia. In 1918, the Academy was among the first schools in America to adopt a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. The Academy's international reputation for excellence in secondary-level military education attracted more than 1000 students from the United States and abroad before it closed in 1964.

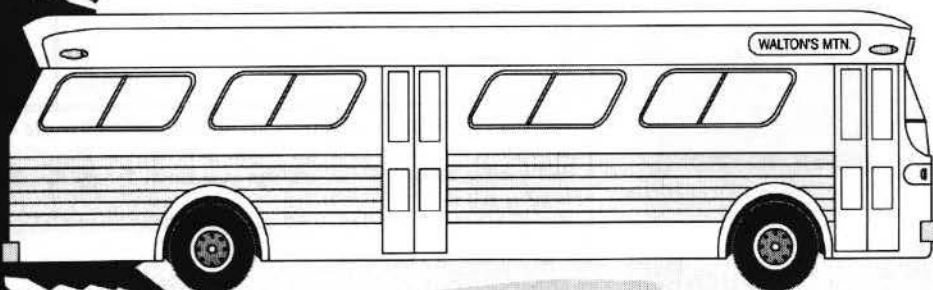
MOVING DAY? - No, but the William Edwards Company used Big Barracks as the backdrop for their 2004 calendars with one of their 18-wheelers strategically parked and the State of Virginia sign Photoshopped in.

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John Burke O'Donnell, '24

26 April 2003, a few weeks short of his 98th birthday, in Raleigh, NC. Attended University of North Carolina, receiving undergraduate degree in 1928. He later did graduate work in business, then studied law at the University of South Carolina. US Army service as an officer in Europe during World War II. Retired from USAR with the rank of major. Long and varied career in Georgia and the Carolinas in banking, insurance, and sales. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Leah Irwin MacNair O'Donnell; a son, John, Jr., of Raleigh; and a granddaughter, Margarite Nash O'Donnell, also of Raleigh.

Virgil Ward Anderson, '28

2 October 2003, in Roanoke, at age 89. Served in the US Army in World War II. Worked for the Rockydale Quarries for 58 years. He and his son, Steve, visited the AMA Museum on 10 August 2003. Survived by two daughters: Peggy Thompson of Salem, VA and Pat Johnston of Vinton, VA; a son, Steve of Roanoke; five grandchildren: David Thompson, Mike and Jeff Carner, LeeAnn Brown and Sarah Anderson; and six great-grandchildren. He was a day student at AMA walking seven miles round trip to Fort

Defiance from New Hope every school day. He and his father attended AMA at no tuition because his great-grandfather had donated area land for a Confederate cemetery.

Harry George, Jr., '31

6 December 2003, at Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick, MD. Graduate of Washington and Lee. On the Brunswick, MD High School baseball championship, going on to play baseball at AMA and W&L. Served as lieutenant, US Navy, in World War II. owner of S.W. George and Company. Chairman of Advisory Board, F&M Bank. Survived by his wife of 52 years, Bowie Marley George, and three children: Barbara Bowie George of Greensboro, NC; Harry George, III, of Frederick; and Randolph George of Brunswick; and two grandchildren. Reported by **Nicky Syropoulos, '69**.



Harry George,
Baltimore Sun

Hiram Oliver Lyne, '34

9 January 2004, at Harrisonburg, age 90, following emergency surgery. Worked for DuPont 1940-1978 being deferred in World War II because of his critical job. In the '30's, his father donated horses to AMA to start the cavalry unit. Survived by his wife of 62 years, Florence, of Harrisonburg; a son, Wickliffe S. Lyne, of Midlothian, VA; and three grandsons: Dr. H.O. Lyne, IV, Dr. Taylor Lyne and Wickliffe Lyne, Jr., all of Richmond; and an older brother, William, of Culpeper. At AMA: manager of baseball team, wrestling team, Tiger Football, Monogram Club, 1st Sergeant, A Company. Reported by **Lew Mundin, '53**, and **Jim "Buddy" McCausland, '39**.

Stacey M. Hankey, Jr., '42

5 March 2002 in Pittsburgh. No other details.

Irvin F. Etscorn, '42

In 1975, No details available.



Edward Wright
1946 Recall

Auldis Edward Wright, Jr., '46

11 December 2003, in Richmond, age 75. Attended Virginia Tech and Richmond Professional Institute. Co-founded and was the first President of the Richmond Ski Club. Survived by three daughters: Julia Moore, Catherine Davia and Elizabeth Begley.

Arthur C. Jenvey, II, '50

27 November 2003, at home in Dover, TN, 72. Career Army, 101st Airborne Division. Two tours of duty in Vietnam where he took place in numerous engagements including the Tet Offensive in 1968. Awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with "V" device and oak leaf cluster, the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. Attended VMI as a member of the Class of 1954. Interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Survived by his wife, Judith; daughter, Amanda of Malvern, AR; one son, Robert of Richmond; three grandchildren, Eric Jenvey, Ryan Jenvey, and Adelaide Beaulieu; two step-grandsons, Holden and Connor McGowan; a sister, Katie McLean of Richmond; and a great grandson, Dagen White. At AMA, Tiger Football, fencing, lacrosse and intramurals. B Company. Reported by **Jim "Buddy" McCausland, '39**.



Art Jenvey
1950 Recall

Edward Spangler Woodward, '51

26 October 2003, at home in Lake Monticello, VA, of cancer, age 71. Attended Elon College. Served in the US Army during the Korean War. He worked for many years with Home Reliable Furnishings



Ed Woodward
1951 Recall

in Waynesboro, later opening Crown Home Furniture in Charlottesville from which he retired in 1996. He had a private pilot's license and spent 30 years with the Civil Air Patrol, retiring at the rank of lieutenant colonel. Survived by his mother, Lillian George Woodward; his wife, Janet Miller-Woodward; three sons, Edward, III, Daniel and Dean, all of Charlottesville; a sister, Patricia Via of Waynesboro; a brother, Melvin of Waynesboro; and a grandson, Jayson Woodward of Crozet. At AMA, Honor Committee; fencing, master sergeant, C Company.

John C. Adams, '60

22 November 2003, University of Virginia Medical Center, age 62. Veteran of US Army with service in the Army National Guard. Vice President and Manager of Nations-Bank Elkton Branch. Survived by a daughter, Jane Thornton of Portsmouth, RI, and a grandson, Brendan Thornton. At AMA, Captain, Company C; Roller Rifles; Cotillion Club; *Ad Astra per Aspera*; Decorating Committee; fencing;



John Adams
1960 Recall

rifle team, Student Body Officer; Honor Committee.

James C. Williams, '65

4 May 2003, in Asheville, NC, following a lengthy illness, age 55. Veteran of the US Army. Survived by three cousins, Charlotte Gammon of Charlottesville; Sarah Reed of Abingdon, VA; and Tom Lovell of Eden, NC. At AMA, assigned to D Company.



Jim Williams
1965 Recall

James S. Farrow

29 November 2003, in Milledgeville, GA, age 91. AMA music teacher in the mid 1950's.



BEAUMONT - In a fresh dusting of snow, the 105mm howitzer stands its eternal post on the AMA campus. Across the drill field stands Beaumont, the home of Colonel and Mrs. Tom Roller, and their children, Tom, '36, and Hilton Roller Grasty.

Mary Rae Ferrenberg Crawford

25 December 2003 in Fort Defiance, age 89. Widow of Bill Crawford, '35, long time manager of the AMA PX, who passed away on 1 September 2003. Bill and Mary both worked at the cadet store over the years.

Mary Kennedy McDowell

15 December 2003, in Staunton, at age 74. Survived by her husband of 44 years, James McDowell, Jr., '50, who was an AMA faculty member.

Please report any deaths or illnesses of AMA alumni, faculty or friends to Frank Spencer, '49, AMA Chaplain, at 804/977-0026, or e-mail him: Frank-cville@att.net

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Augusta memories...



**John Pappas,
1947 Recall**

Johnny Pappas, '47, played in the school orchestra: We were invited to play for a fraternity party at the University of Virginia celebrating their midwinter fling. **Major Roller** gave us permission to go which was quite a surprise. But there was one condition: **Paul Bratton, '48**, had to accompany us there and back, and only he could drive. Eight or ten of us loaded into the station wagon, and off we went, Bratton at the wheel!

Jim Chezem, '48, talked about sports at Augusta: **Coach Chapman** insisted that we run football plays over and over, and it paid off. **Big Bill Harris, '48**, was the leader in the huddle: he would explain what the coach wanted, and we ended up winning the National Military School Championship in Chattanooga... **Joel Adleberg, '48**, introduced us to lacrosse... **Al Tomlin, '48**, my roommate, usually won his fencing matches. **The Click brothers** were great swimmers.



**Jim Chezem,
1948 Recall**



**Willie Saunders
1953 Recall**

Willie Saunders, '53, ended up with a pipe cleaner in his ear: **Bob Ayres, Tomme Gamewell** and I were on the fencing team and for some reason, we were doing fencing moves with pipe cleaners in Room 311. Why did we have those fuzzy pipe cleaners? I don't know, but we were sword fighting with them and all of a sudden I felt a rush of air in my ear and everything began to sound hollow. We all went to the Infirmary where **Mrs. Thompson** called a doctor. Turns out that Tomme had stuck his pipe cleaner into my ear drum... The good news is that, as the doctor had predicted, it healed in time.

Peter Lambert, '44, who graduated 60 years ago, says he was not a model cadet: I roomed with **Fred Prince** my freshman year and we took turns having the most demerits of all the cadets that year. I once washed every window in the Mess Hall to work off demerits... I stole lots of food out of the Mess Hall, so much that when I graduated **Captain Fontaine** asked me how I had done it!... In later life, my wife straightened me out and I became a productive citizen.



**Jim and Gray
Hume,
1957 Recall**

Jim Hume, '57, recalls a swim meet at the University of North Carolina: **Colonel Hoover** drove us to the big swim meet at UNC. In the 200 yard intermediate medley, **Harry Sommers, '56**, swam the back stroke leg; my late brother **Gray Hume, '57**, the breast stroke; I swam the butterfly leg; and the late **Tony Webster, '57**, anchored the freestyle. AMA won the military school division at that memorable meet.



**Peter Lambert,
1944 Recall**



**Joe Zepp,
1963 Recall**

Joe Zepp, '63, and his wife stopped by AMA last



Augusta memories...

September: I went up to the Front Arch and looked through a crack in the wood barrier. I could see the room I shared on the second stoop and the courtyard with its sentry box, bell missing. I could picture **General Roller** there as I remembered his sudden death just a few months before I graduated... It has been 40 years, yet I still see things as if it all happened yesterday.



**John Ulrich,
1959 Recall**

John Ulrich, '59, attended Augusta only one year: My room was on the third stoop in the back of Big Barracks, the farthest room from the Front Arch... and I had to brace the whole way... As a freshman, I had to make formation at First Call and in the winter I would stand there at BRC wishing and praying that the sun would come up over the Blue Ridge to warm things up.

Tom Douglas, '62, gets his first AMA uniform: I was taken to a room under Big Barracks that had a distinctive wool and mothball smell. An uncovered light bulb hung down from the ceiling giving the impression that we were in some sort of dungeon...

There, I met **Major Savedge** who had on a uniform shirt and a yellow tape measure around his neck. He measured my neck, arms, waist and inseams and began to pile on the table a selection of shirts, pants, jackets, caps and hats. Then, I got my brass and oh, how it shone! Those little crossed rifles on a circle of brass, the breastplate and the AMA buckle. Little did I know that I would be expected to make them

shine even more by using some stuff called Brasso. My poor fingers, and that nasty smell.



**Tom Douglas,
1962 Recall**



**Andy Bell,
1974 Recall**

Andy Bell, '74, recalls **Colonel Hoover**: I can't believe that he only passed away a few years back. I thought he was 121 years old when I went to AMA... He would grab me by the face mask at lacrosse and shout, "You are an a**hole, my friend, a complete a**hole, but I love you. That's right, and why? Because you have a beautiful mind, my friend. I am going to overlook all of the flaws the union your parents mistakenly undertook, and forgive you... And why? Because I am an a**hole too, and we a**holes need to stick together..." Strange, but I grew up without all the scars other kids claim to have.

Tony Layng, '43, started at AMA when he was eight years old: I was too young to attend classes so the school dietician was assigned to me as a tutor and I lived in her house. Since she was not a teacher, that first year consisted mainly of learning the multiplication tables and memorizing "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere." Because I was so small, I got to march in front of the Band with a baton at Sunday Dress Parades... I assume I was the youngest kid to ever attend AMA. Does anyone know of anyone younger than eight years old? [Editor's note: Tony's older brother, **Geof Layng, '47**, was at AMA at the same time Tony was. Their father was in the military and the boys came to AMA in the midst of World War II from Fort Rucker, AL]

Do you have some AMA Memories you would like to share? E-mail them to **Bob Guggenheimer, '43**, at: guggenheimer@teleline.es, or to **B.J. d'Orsay, '70**, at: bj@bjdorsay.com. Or mail to: AMA Alumni House, PO Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437.





Joyce Zinkhan: always there

"What would we do without her?" That's the question posed by every volunteer at the AMA Alumni House/Museum when they are speaking of **Joyce Zinkhan**, the "better half" of **Ben**, '60.

Why does she earn this respect? First, she cleans the House every single week! Before the November Open House, she took all of the 100 plus trophies on display in the museum, cleaning each thoroughly. Then she served the volunteers a Thanksgiving feast just before the Holiday. Says **Duke Fancher**, '58, "I wouldn't miss her annual Thanksgiving dinner for anything!"


All of us owe many thanks to Ben and Joyce for all they do to keep the museum in tip top shape. You two are the best!

The astounding life of John Younger's mother

John Younger, '43, had a amazing mother who passed away this past November at the age of 103.

Catherine Preston Younger, formerly of Roanoke, died at her home in Coral Gables, FL on 20 November 2003. She attended Randolph Macon Women's College and graduated from Wellsley, Class of 1923. Her classmate and lifelong friend was Soong Meiling - Madame Chiang Kai-shek,

the wife of the President of the Republic of China until Communist troops forced them to take refuge on Taiwan. Both Madame Chiang and Mrs. Younger lived to be 103 years old and died within three weeks of each other! In 1925, Mrs. Younger married the late Colonel Robert Younger of Lynchburg. She was laid to rest at her husband's side in the Arlington National Cemetery.



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Episcopal High School	\$29,300
Woodberry Forest	27,000
Virginia Episcopal School	25,650
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(Neither Fishburne Military School nor Massanutten Military Academy show their tuition costs on their web pages)

Two brothers attended AMA

A recent visitor to the AMA Museum was Louise McKee of Sarasota, FL who comes by to see us whenever she is in the Valley. Two of her brothers went to AMA: **Lucius Stephenson**, '39, and **Boyd Stephenson**, '42.

Stephenson family members were great friends of **Colonel and Mrs. Warren "Boots" Robinson** and **General Roller**, and are kin to Mrs. Roller.

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From Colonel Hoover's attic

After Colonel Hoover passed away, family members turned over to the Alumni Association many boxes of photos and slides which had been stored in the colonel's attic. Most had no information to identify them.

Who is the football player at the left, below?

And who is the cadet officer at the right, below?



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In the last issue, we printed the two photos, left and below, and we asked for your help in identifying these cadets.

The first person to identify **Mike Basto**, '63, as the guy in the phone booth was **George Holt**, '60.

We didn't get one single guess on who is the bandsman, below. Do you know? We had one e-mail that said this photo was in a *Recall*, but he didn't know what year.

**Thanks
for
your
help!**



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We offer our sincere thanks to these people and organizations who helped assemble the World War II exhibit at the AMA Museum.

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Benjamin S. Preston, '32
Ben Zinkhan, '60
Joyce Zinkhan

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Volunteers needed

Work days are scheduled

February 24 and March 23, both Tuesdays, will be Old Records Work Days at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. The project involves going through boxes of school records and files to determine whether or not they should be kept.

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AUGUSTA SLUGGERS - Johnny Pappas, '47, found this never before published photo of the 1947 AMA baseball team. That's Johnny seated at the far right (he was manager of the team). At the other end of the bench is Coach Glenn Koogler. Who else do you recognize?



AUGUSTA DANCERS - Taken 40 years ago, this is a shot of the 1964 Pin-Up Dance in the well-decorated AMA Gymnasium. The last Pin-Up Queen Dance was held in 1972 ending a near 30 year AMA tradition.

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Information was provided by Rod Willey, '51.

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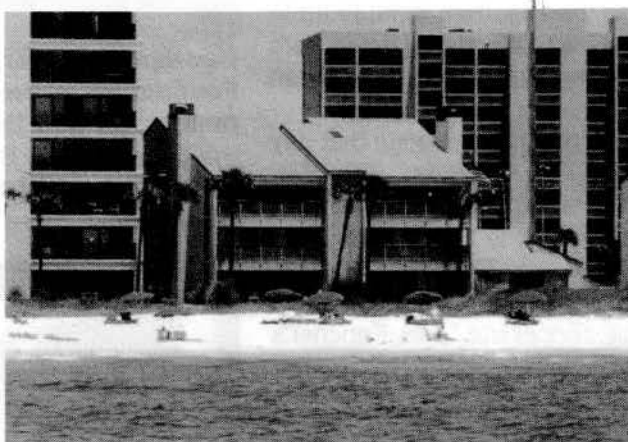
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Open House on a lovely Valley day in November

It was a spectacular Shenandoah Valley day in November when the AMA Alumni House/Museum held its annual fall event, this year an open house. **Julian Quarles, '35**, said that it was 73 degrees and was such a nice day *"that I was able to sit on the front porch with Duke Fancher, '58."*

Fancher, who planned the event, says he was pleased with the turnout and the interest in the museum exhibited by our neighbors. The event had been arranged to show Augusta County residents the important part AMA played and is playing in the life of the county.

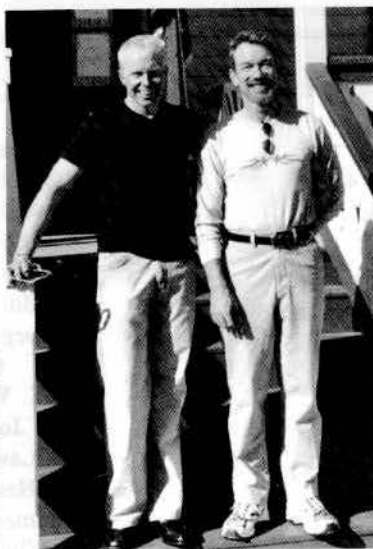
Fancher lauded the food which was prepared by Joyce (Mrs. Ben, '60) Zinkhan and Liz (Mrs. John, '75) Hash. A tent had been set up on the front lawn of the House to serve refreshments.

Don Schwebel, '75, came all the way from Petersburg to the Open House and **Victor Gomez, '69**, drove down from Alexandria with his mother. They had read about the event on the AMA web page.

The "regular" volunteers who manned the House that day were **Frank Spencer, '49**, **Julian Quarles, '35**, **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, **Dave Conrad, '59**, **Gary Nicholson, '70**, former faculty members **Sergeants Don Studer** and **Joe Josephson**, and Fancher.

The event was to have ended at 4 PM, but the last guest did not leave until 5:30. *"Highly successful,"* was Fancher's assessment of the day.

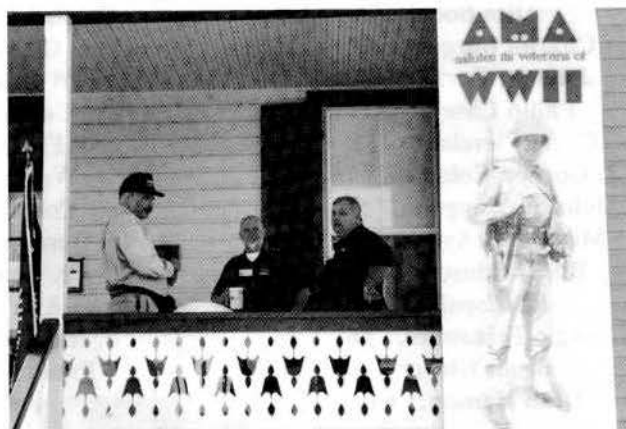
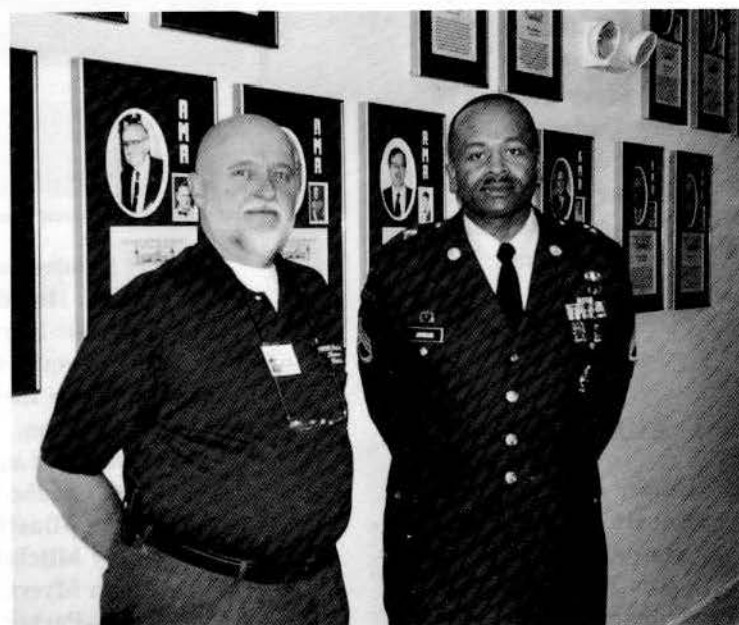
Right, **Tim Fitzgerald** and **Dave Farmer** of Staunton on the steps of Alumni House. AMA officials were pleased with the turnout for the Open House, an annual event.



Left, **Charles Dale** of Staunton visits the cadet barracks room. Right, **Victor Gomez, '70**, **Sergeant Studer** and **Gary Nicholson, '70**, on the porch of Alumni House.



Goodloe Saunders, '57, Chairman of the AMA Alumni Foundation, escorts Mrs. and Mrs. James Belshee and their guest into the AMA Alumni House/Museum during the Open House. Below, **Sergeant Don Studer** was glad to have the help of **Sergeant Gearld Johnson** during the Open House.



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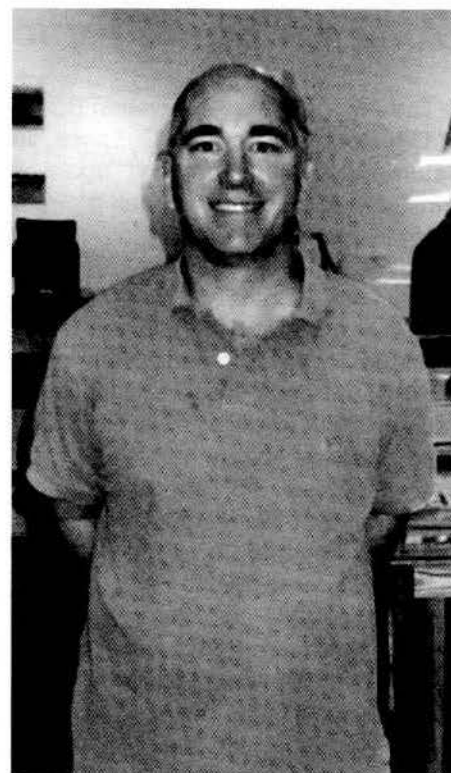
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72 House manning is AMAAA Board topic

The AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors met in Fort Defiance on Saturday 17 January, and again a principal topic was the manning of the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

The Board made a formal request to the AMA Alumni Foundation which has the responsibility for the AMA Museum to have the museum open more hours each week so that signs can go up on Interstate 81. The signs have already been purchased by **Norvell West, '83**, but the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will not install them until the museum is open at least six hours a day six days a week. \$2,000 was pledged to step up the hours that the museum is open. The Manning Committee is chaired by **Steve Trent, '70**, and Committee Member **Gordon Metz, '68**, will discuss the matter with the VDOT in Richmond.

Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, said, "We know from traffic studies that having signs on the

interstate will bring many more visitors to our museum. This will help us reconnect with lost alumni who don't realize that AMA still has a very active alumni association, and getting these guys back on our mailing list will help guarantee our continued success."

The board also discussed participation in the Virginia War Memorial project to do a video history of Virginians who served in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and the Gulf War. The fall meeting of the board took place in Richmond at the memorial where it was estimated that it would cost some \$50,000 to interview and edit a piece limited to AMA alumni. While unable to fund this project, the alumni association and the foundation support participation.

Reunion plans

Frank Williamson, '60, reunion chairman, reported on plans for the 22-24 April event. Because of the drill competition on the Parade Ground, special parking areas will be taped off for attendees. Precision drill teams from Benedictine High School of Richmond and Massanutten Military Academy will compete just after the

Saturday luncheon. (Details on page 16) Traffic directors will be on hand to direct motorists to the appropriate parking spaces.

The decision was made to close the Silent Auction on Saturday night at precisely 8:30 so that final bids can be tabulated and announced by 9:30 PM. This has historically been the major fund raising effort for each reunion.

Having been advised by the foundation trustees that there will be three \$2,000 AMA Legacy Scholarships for 2004, Scholarship Chairman **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, reported that nine applications had been received to date. This year, special consideration will be given to high school seniors who will be entering college for the first time. (Details on page 17)

The board will next meet on Saturday 24 April during Reunion 2004 at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton.

Preceding the board meeting will be the annual membership meeting of the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association where directors will be selected and general business will be discussed.



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